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City Awarded EDA Grant of \$1.25 Million for CTTC Expansion

New Braunfels, TX – The City of New Braunfels has received notice from the U.S. Secretary of Commerce announcing that the department's Economic Development Administration (EDA) has awarded a \$1.25 million grant for expansion of the Central Texas Technology Center (CTTC). The expansion provides for enhanced workforce training in science and technology in support of the region's goal of expanding its manufacturing and industrial base. The project is a collaborative effort between the cities of New Braunfels and Seguin, the New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce, New Braunfels Industrial Development Board (4B), Seguin Economic Development Corporation, and Alamo Colleges.

The initiative received \$4 million in funding from voters in the New Braunfels 2013 Bond Program. The New Braunfels Industrial Development Board has committed \$320,000 and the Seguin Economic Development Corporation is supplying \$600,000 towards the estimated \$6.2 million project total.

"We are gratified to receive the support from the EDA and our congressional representatives," said Mayor Gale Pospisil. "Successfully obtaining funding for this essential project is a great example of a partnership between entities in our region achieving a common goal, with mutual benefits, by working together."

The CTTC provides vital workforce development for the cities of New Braunfels and Seguin as well as Comal and Guadalupe counties. Enrollment capacity has been exceeded and the expansion will effectively double the Center's current size in order to accommodate additional students by adding general instructional space, biology and chemistry labs, student support areas and faculty offices.

"The CTTC has played a critical role by providing training for such Seguin businesses as Caterpillar, Continental, CMC Steel and Alamo Group," said Phil Seidenberger, President of the Seguin Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors and Chairman of the CTTC Advisory Board. "A technical training center such as the CTTC is an attractive benefit for companies looking to relocate or expand in our area. Many industries today require advanced technical skills training and subsequently, offer higher wages. The CTTC fulfills that need for these businesses and our local workforce."

“Now that funding has been secured, the next step in the process is the selection of an architectural firm to develop a proposed design for the improvements,” said City Manager Robert Camareno.

EDA grants are awarded through a competitive process based upon the application’s merit, the applicant’s eligibility, and the availability of funds. More information on EDA’s grant process and investment process can be found at www.eda.gov.

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