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# President's High Growth Job Training Initiative

## *Key Training Corporation*



**Grantee:** Key Training Corporation, doing business as Northwest Lineman College

**Industry Focus:** Electric utility lineworkers

**Key Partners:** The InfrastruX Group; Texas Electric Utilities Construction; Flowers Construction; Chapman Construction; CoServ Electric; Encor Energy Corporation; and Texas Workforce Development Resources

**Grant Amount:** \$1,000,000

**Leveraged Amount:** \$500,000

**Location of Grant Activities:** North Central Texas, near Denton (proposed new campus of Northwest Lineman College)

**Challenge:** Up to 50 percent of lineworkers nationwide could retire within the next five to ten years. As a result, the energy industry could face a shortage of 10,000 lineworkers, or nearly 20 percent of the current workforce. Northwest Texas and surrounding Southwest states will be particularly hard hit if new workers are not trained and recruited to the industry.

**Addressing the Challenge:** This project will establish a Northwest Lineman College Texas branch campus to provide at least 150 new workers through the Electrical Lineworker Program. Individuals will be recruited by utility and construction companies in the region (TX, OK, NM, CO, LA, AR). Many Texas companies currently recruit from Northwest Lineman College campuses in Idaho and California. Incumbent lineworkers will earn Department of Labor recognized Lineworkers Journeyman Certification through the Lineworker Certification Program (LCP). Customized training will also be offered through the college's Utility Training Services (UTS) Group.

**Projected Outcomes:**

- Train approximately 3,000 people trained over 10 years
- Electrical Lineworker Program (ELP) will train 150 per year
- Lineworker Certification Program will train 75 per year
- Utility Training Services will train 75 per year
- Open Texas campus in Spring 2009 and graduate first class of 50 ELP students in Fall 2009 with at least 75% placed in the industry

