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## **BEST Robotics, Inc. Receives Texas Workforce Commission Grant**

*Grant supports expansion of BEST Robotics program throughout Texas.*

Austin, Texas – August 25, 2010 – *BEST Robotics, Inc.* was awarded a grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) today to develop 6 new hubs and 132 new teams within the state over the next 12 months. The *Texas High School Competitive Robotics Education Team Development Grant* centers around the TWC's desire to expand statewide participation in competitive robotics programs such as BEST.

On November 10, 2009, the Texas Workforce Commission approved approximately \$1 million to expand statewide participation in robotics education by promoting programs that integrate science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) in Texas high schools and have as an outcome, regional or statewide robotics competitions. Incorporating these programs into high schools statewide will assist Texas students in grades 9-12 to graduate high school ready for postsecondary education and increase the number of students entering postsecondary studies and careers in STEM.

BEST Robotics, Inc. has partnered with several universities and educational entities to develop new hubs in regions of the state where BEST currently has a limited presence, including

Commerce	Texas A&M University – Commerce
Edinburg	South Texas TSTEM Center
Huntsville	Sam Houston State University
Midland	Midland College
San Marcos	Texas State University
Waco	Texas State Technical College

The grant includes the development of new teams at the 13 existing hubs throughout Texas, as well. It includes kit costs for all new teams developed, license fees and a majority of first year event costs for new hubs.

A number of partners within local industry, state education and higher education will work together to expand the BEST program, inspiring high school students to pursue careers in STEM and preparing them to become the state's future workforce. It is an investment in their future and in the future of Texas.