

# FISCAL YEAR 2010 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

## GENERAL QUESTIONNAIRE -- REP. Michael Burgess (TX-26)

Must be completed and submitted NO LATER than COB February 27, 2009

Please submit completed questionnaire to [matt.johnson@mail.house.gov](mailto:matt.johnson@mail.house.gov)

***PLEASE NOTE: ALL REQUESTS MUST INCLUDE A FORMAL LETTER OF REQUEST ON OFFICIAL LETTERHEAD EXPLAINING THE PROJECT. THIS QUESTIONNAIRE SHOULD ACCOMPANY, NOT REPLACE, A FORMAL LETTER OF REQUEST AND ANY OTHER QUESTIONNAIRE***

### I. PROJECT BACKGROUND & PURPOSE

1. Please provide a formal name for this project:

**North Central Texas College Career and Technology Center**

2. Please describe the project and its purpose:

NCTC is constructing a Career and Technology Center that will increase NCTC's responsiveness to the ever-changing needs of area business/industry for technical training especially in this difficult economy. The facility will include multi-purpose technical training rooms that will be outfitted with the electrical and technical requirements needed to rapidly adapt to industry demands. The Career and Technology Center will also allow NCTC to offer high school students high-skilled technical training that will prepare them to enter careers in high-waged technical fields

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3. Please outline the project plan, including the finance plan:

The NCTC Workforce Education and the Applied Technology Divisions will provide the leadership in offering industry-driven workforce training in this facility. Over the past five years, the Workforce Education Division has experienced a 182% increase in duplicated enrollment from 1,399 participants to 2,557. Over the past four years, in partnership with the Texoma Workforce Board's incumbent workers grants, NCTC received awards over \$400,000 to conduct customized workforce training to over forty-five (45) Cooke County companies. Training topics included industrial maintenance, forklift certifications, computer application, ESL, Spanish, reading literacy, technical math, machining, welding, blueprint reading, and plastics technology.

The Career and Technology Center will provide the needed flexible space to offer a technical education to all students incumbent workers, underemployed or unemployed, or high school graduates. The establishment of the Career and Technology Center would allow NCTC to expand the technical training offerings to be more responsive to the needs of business/industry and to train individuals in the demand occupations for this region. Partnering with area businesses to customize these courses to meet their specific training needs will ensure increase productivity and efficiency for each entity. NCTC will also be better prepared to partner with area school districts to provide dual credit technical courses to provide skills needed to enter the workplace. NCTC has met with area employers and school districts to identify programs/courses to be offered in the new center. The following is a list of these new programs/courses: Construction Trades – Framers, Electrician, Plumber, HVAC, Cabling; Industrial Maintenance Technology; MIG Welding; Transportation and Logistics – Forklift Certification; Computer Applications – MS Project,

Project Management Prep; Purchasing Management Technician; Electrical Lineman Technician; and Oil & Gas Production Technology.

The 13,500 sq. ft. Career and Technology Center will consists of a computer lab, welding lab, meeting and conference room, a multi-purpose industrial training areas, two general purpose classrooms, and six offices for faculty and staff. The industrial training area is designed to provide hands on learning opportunities in a variety of trade categories such as electricians, plumbers, framers, HVAC technicians, industrial maintenance technologist, oil and gas technician and logistic management. The design of the building will allow adaptation as technology and industry needs change. This facility will allow NCTC to offer multi-entry and exit point workforce training to provide credentialing, certifications, and degrees in the high-growth technical industries.

NCTC has partnered with business/industry and the Gainesville Economic Development Corporation to cover the cost of the construction of the facility and to offset the equipment cost for the welding lab. In order to properly equip the multi-purpose industrial training areas, NCTC will need additional support for Phase III of this project.

North Central Texas College Career & Technology Center Budget	
Description	Cost
13,500 Career Technology Center construction cost	\$2,137,944.00
Welding Equipment	\$250,000.00
<b>Phase II Cost:</b>	
HVAC Equipment	\$131,180.00
Electrician Equipment	\$105,899.00
Plumbing Equipment	\$102,600.00
Industrial Maintenance Technician Equipment	\$546,516.00
Oil & Gas Safety Equipment	\$20,500.00
Forklift Training Equipment	\$25,000.00
Construction Framing	\$48,000.00
Technology Infrastructure (Servers, Projectors, Computer, etc.)	\$20,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,387,639.00</b>

North Central Texas College Career & Technology Center Partnership Support	
Funding Source	Amount
Industry Support	\$500,000.00
Gainesville Economic Development Corporation – Welding Equipment	\$250,000.00
North Central Texas College	\$1,637,944.00
<b>Total Partnership Support:</b>	<b>\$2,387,944.00</b>
<b>Funds Needed for Phase II</b>	<b>\$979,695.00</b>

## II. BENEFIT TO THE 26<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT AND/OR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

1. Please explain how this project will improve life, the economy or the general welfare of the 26<sup>th</sup> District and/or the country at-large. Please be specific (i.e. outline number of jobs created, savings to economy or taxpayers, improve national security):

Federal funding is requested and is justified for this project to assist the college in preparing young people for technical and industrial job training to meet the labor needs of our country's fragile economy.

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2. Please explain why this project should be considered a priority:

The mission of the NCTC Career and Technology Center is in line with that of the U.S. Department of Labor and is deserving of this training and employment services grant.

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## III. REQUEST

1. Amount of money you are requesting:

\$900,000

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2. Agency from which you are requesting funds:

Department of Labor

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3. Account from which you are requesting funds:

Training and Employment Services Grants

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## IV. FUNDING HISTORY

1. What is the total project cost and can you provide a federal-state/local-other funding breakdown?

The total estimated cost of the project is \$3.3 million  
Matching funds will be provided through North Central Texas College, City of Gainesville EDC, and through industry donations as indicated in the above budget.

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2. Has the project ever received federal funds before? If so, please elaborate.

No

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3. Has the project received state, local or private funds before? If so, please elaborate.

No, this is a new proposal.

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4. Can you demonstrate a commitment for future funds from state, local, or private sectors? If so, please elaborate to the extent possible.

Yes, as indicated in the budget above.

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5. How do you intend to spend federal funds for this project (operating, construction, studies, equipment purchase, salaries, other)?

Equipment purchase as indicated in the budget above.

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6. Does the project request stem from a currently-funded federal program (i.e., an already existing congressional authorization)? If so, please explain and be as specific as possible.

No.

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## V. PROJECT HISTORY

1. Please briefly explain the level of support for the project in the local and any other community (if letters of support exist, please attach to this form).

Support letters will be sent from city, college and community officials.

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2. Has the project encountered any objections within the local or other interested communities? If so, please describe (if letters or official records exist noting objections to the project, please attach to this form).

No

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3. Please briefly explain the current stage and expected timeline of the project in a great a detail as possible.

Construction of the project has begun and the requested grant would be used for equipment purchase during FY2010.

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## VI. CONTACTS

1. Who is the primary point of contact for the request?

Dr. Eddie Hadlock

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2. Contact information (telephone and e-mail):

Phone: 940-668-4231 E-mail: [ehadlock@nctc.edu](mailto:ehadlock@nctc.edu)

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3. Mailing address of entity that would receive the funding?

1525 W. California Street, Gainesville, Texas 76240

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## VII. TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

1. How much of this request can be spent in fiscal year 2009?

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2. If this is a highway, transit, rail, or aviation request, did you check eligibility with the state DOT, FTA, FRA, or FAA?

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2a. If yes, did the agency indicate the project is eligible under the account requested?

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3. If this is an FHWA request, is the project considered by the state and/or regional transportation officials as critical to their needs?

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4. If a highway request, is the project on the state's transportation improvement plan?

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## **PRIORITY PROJECT REQUEST CRITERIA**

CERTIFICATION:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, ATTEST THAT THIS PROJECT REQUEST MADE ON BEHALF OF

\_\_\_\_\_ MEETS THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

1. All appropriations requests must be a priority for the 26<sup>th</sup> District and/or the country-at large as defined as enhancing life, liberty, or the general welfare.
2. All requests must be a proper and wise use of federal taxpayer dollars and must be justified as such. Projects that include a commitment to match federal funds will receive priority consideration.
3. All requests will be immediately posted on the website and supporting documentation made available to press outlets and interested individuals.

4. None of the funding requested will be used for a building, program, or project that has been named for Congressman Michael C. Burgess, M.D. No request will be made that Congressman Burgess or his spouse has any financial interest.
  
5. All requests shall be made in accordance with House of Representatives rules, and within Appropriations Committee deadlines. No funding request will be submitted after the deadline established by the Committee

Name of person certifying \_\_\_\_\_

Title of person certifying \_\_\_\_\_

Project name as it will appear in the bill \_\_\_\_\_

Legal name of entity making request \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature

Date