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Lubbock Economic Development Alliance Announces Grant Benefiting Lubbock-Cooper ISD CTE Program

(LUBBOCK) – The Lubbock Economic Development Alliance (LEDA) Board unanimously voted to grant up to \$50,000 to the Lubbock-Cooper ISD Career and Technical Education (CTE) program. The funds were used to purchase 10 multi-use welding stations. The announcement was made during a press conference on Friday morning at Lubbock-Cooper High School.

The district’s CTE building recently opened at Lubbock-Cooper High School providing students the opportunity to develop skills for various career paths such as welding, construction technology, interior design and more. This fall, approximately 75 students are enrolled in a welding course and will utilize the new stations.

“Lubbock-Cooper ISD appreciates the continued support of LEDA,” said Keith Bryant, superintendent for Lubbock-Cooper ISD. “LEDA values the success of our students and has helped afford our students the ability to plan for their futures. This not only opens doors for the youth of our community, but will also provide our community with a skilled, resourceful, competent workforce.”

John Osborne, president and CEO of LEDA, said one of LEDA’s primary goals outlined in their strategic plan is to grow the city’s labor pool and keep students in the “Hub City.”

“As a new generation prepares to enter the Lubbock workforce, developing our local students’ skillsets is one of LEDA’s highest priorities,” Osborne said. “Welding is a high-demand skill that we take pride in supporting, and we are proud to assist Lubbock-Cooper ISD in its mission to provide a meaningful, well-rounded education for all students.”

About LEDA

Since its inception in 2004, LEDA has assisted 147 companies with their expansion or relocation to Lubbock. These companies committed to creating 7,393 jobs and investing more than \$942 million in new capital improvements that have resulted in \$1.4 billion in value added impact to the Lubbock area.

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