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Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas Receives \$1.7 Million Grant to Upskill Retail Workers

What: Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas has received a \$1,771,576 grant from Walmart Giving that will be used to provide training and support for entry-level retail employees so they have the opportunity for advancement to supervisory and management positions. This unique partnership with Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas, Walmart Giving, the Dallas County Community College District, Dallas Regional Chamber and other partners will seek to train 750 current workers and 100 new workers in job specific skills.

> "This is a great way for retail employees to make strong money moves and get ahead. Employees will get training to help them advance their careers in the retail sector and employers can reduce job turnover, improve job readiness and promote upward mobility for their employees," said County Judge Clay Jenkins.

- Who: The Honorable Clay Jenkins, Dallas County Judge
 Ellen Torbert, Board Chair, Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas
 Joshua Frazier-Sparks, Senior Manager II Opportunity, Walmart Giving
 Angela Farley, CFO/COO, Dallas Regional Chamber
 Dr. Joe May, Chancellor, Dallas County Community College District
 Nicholas Lalpuis, Regional Administrator, US Department of Labor, ETA
 Laurie Bouillion Larrea, President, Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas
- **When:** Friday, February 23, 2018, 9:15 a.m.
- Where: Dallas Regional Chamber, 500 N. Akard St. Suite 2600, Dallas, Texas 75201

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