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**CONEXIS AND NORTH LAKE COLLEGE RECEIVE JOINT GRANT  
WORTH MORE THAN \$500,000**

Texas Workforce Commission Grant Will Fund New Training Program for CONEXIS Employees

DALLAS, Texas – Sept. 23, 2009 – [CONEXIS](#) and educational partner [North Lake College](#) announced today that they are joint recipients of a grant in excess of \$500,000 from the [Texas Workforce Commission](#), a state network committed to the development of the Texas workforce and providing access to local workforce solutions. The grant will fund the creation of a new training program that fuses CONEXIS' corporate training department with North Lake College's curriculum.

The program begins Aug. 31, 2009 and concludes Aug. 30, 2010, and provides enhanced training for CONEXIS staff in computer programming, customer service, communications, project management, and software development. All CONEXIS employees have access to the 67-course offering and can take classes at work. Classes are taught by North Lake College educators and the CONEXIS trainers. North Lake College is a leader in developing innovative and productive partnerships with local businesses, the community, and other educational institutions.

CONEXIS' Director of Training, Jennifer Jernigan, anticipates the program "will allow CONEXIS employees to take advanced training programs in key development areas while expanding the scope of the CONEXIS training department."

The overall goal of the grant funding is to enhance the capacity and ability of community colleges, such as North Lake College, to respond to industry and workforce training needs. By issuing grants to assist in the development of customized assessment and training for employers, the Texas Workforce Commission hopes to increase the skill level and wages of the local workforce.

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CONEXIS, a Word & Brown company, provides benefits solutions to more than 20,000 clients nationwide, representing more than 5 million covered lives. For more than 20 years, CONEXIS has delivered a wide range of employee benefits administration solutions to clients ranging from small businesses to multi-national corporations, third-party administrators (TPAs), business outsourcing  
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### **About North Lake College**

North Lake College, created as a part of the Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD) in 1977, is a two-year public community college with an open-door admission policy. North Lake College anticipates and responds to the educational, training, and employment needs of the community. With three community campuses located in Irving, Coppell, and adjacent to DFW Airport, the college prepares people for successful living and responsible citizenship through quality educational programs.

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