

For the current fiscal year, our Perkins Title II Tech Prep funds provide 62 percent of our organization's total budget. Our Perkins Tech Prep funding has allowed us to function effectively as a regional intermediary that is (1) leading a regional education system for the Rio Grande Valley, (2) bringing employers and educators together in a way that meaningfully impacts students, and (3) leveraging federal funds effectively. Our Perkins Tech Prep funds are utilized for centralized services of staff to support work done throughout the region and for these specific activities:

- College Tech Prep Support projects: (TSTC--\$25,300 including \$1,800 for graphic design services & \$2,500 for webpage design/hosting services, STC--\$6,000, and UTB/TSC--\$21,000); the funding the consortium provides to colleges is leveraged with other funds.
- Tech Prep Support Team (S-TEAM) projects at school districts: \$25,600 (16 @ \$1,600); these funds are leveraged, as there are also 14 self-funded S-TEAM campuses (and increase in participation of self-funded campuses from 2009-2010).
- Services provided by a contractor who works with superintendents as our representative (\$7,500).
- Tech Prep Regional Conference (these funds are leveraged with other funds).
- Lower Rio Grande Counselors' network activities.
- Credit-tracking services/CATEMA system site license (to facilitate students' transitioning to college and claiming credit for courses taken in high school)
- Academic Leadership Alliance Summer Educator Externship (staff participation and supplies; leveraged with other funds).
- Tech Prep Texas Scholars (consortium funding for system management; school districts pay for materials).
- Labor Market Information Report (salary for part-time staff plus printing of reports; supplemented by leveraged funds).
- Printing of brochures/other resources.
- Expenses of Board meeting, committee meetings, and annual meetings with members.