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**CLC, Inc. and JPMorgan Chase team up to build
Fort Worth's workforce of tomorrow**
Bank announces \$500,000 grant to fund local training

FORT WORTH, Texas – May 8, 2017 — To spark greater economic opportunity for veterans and unemployed workers across North Texas, JPMorgan Chase will provide a \$500,000 grant to CLC, Inc. for local workforce development efforts.

*"This partnership gives us an opportunity to help more people seize the opportunities available for a good-paying job. This will have a powerful impact on local workers, on employers who need more talent and on our community as a whole," said **Todd Ritterbusch**, Managing Director and Market Executive for JPMorgan Chase in Tarrant County. "Together we can help close the opportunity gap in our region."*

This funding will support technical skills training in high growth/high demand occupations- especially aerospace and advanced manufacturing.

*"Our community is a great place to live because of the opportunities available here," Congresswoman **Kay Granger**, said. "CLC, Inc. plays a key role in this by preparing workers for the high skill, high wage jobs they need. I am especially grateful for all Pat Lane and CLC, Inc. do to help our veterans find meaningful careers. CLC, Inc. is an asset to our community and one that rightly deserves our support and admiration."*

CLC, Inc. will offer skills training courses in; advanced material repair, composite bonding, manufacturing, aerospace assembly training, welding, machining, or logistics/production. Upon graduation participants will be placed in career occupations in those fields for which the training occurred.

*"This generous grant from JPMorgan Chase affords CLC, Inc. the opportunity to help more people in the community gain employment in high growth positions with good benefits," said **Pat Lane**, President and Chair of CLC, Inc. "This partnership gives veterans and dislocated workers in North Central Texas the opportunity to gain a skill in a high demand occupation and start earning a wage that allows them to support themselves and their families."*

*"Preparing our workforce for the jobs of tomorrow is critical to ensuring America's competitiveness in the global market," said **Congressman Veasey**. "That is why I support programs like this one that will help provide opportunities for all Americans to equip themselves with the technical background they need to fill the in-demand jobs right here in the DFW Metroplex."*

CLC, Inc. will collaborate with employers, educators and local organizations to share best practices and align education, training and employment.

*"The advanced technical skills used in today's aircraft manufacturing requires specific training, and CLC, Inc. is critical in answering that training need," said **Jon Gustafson**, Lockheed Martin's North Texas lead for Enterprise Talent Management & Professional Development. "As we grow our*

manufacturing workforce to support F-35 production, CLC, Inc. and support from community partners like JPMorgan Chase play an important role in preparing potential employees."

Success Story

Kinsey Williams is a 16-year member of the Army National Guard who has completed multiple tours to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Late last year, the decorated combat veteran enrolled in CLC, Inc.'s manufacturing advanced aerospace training program that's funded by JPMorgan Chase. Six weeks later, he graduated at the top of his class and received a number of high-quality job offers. He began working with one of those companies and, on April 19, accepted an offer from Lockheed Martin for a Low Observable Coater position with a starting hourly rate of \$20.68.

*"The instructors and staff at CLC, Inc. changed my life forever," **Williams** said. "I'll forever be grateful."*

About CLC

CLC, Inc. is a 501(c)(3), private non-profit career school founded in 2000 and has been serving Veterans since 2007. CLC, Inc.'s mission is: "Through Collaboration with Industry and Community Partners, CLC, Inc. Provides Job Seekers with Employer Driven, Customized Training to Prepare Tomorrow's Workforce to Meet Today's Industry Needs."

CLC, Inc. is working with Lockheed Martin, Bell Helicopter Textron and a number of other industry partners through collaboration in the development and continuous improvement of curriculum, resulting in training programs driven by the Industry's need for skilled workers.

About JPMorgan Chase

JPMorgan Chase is the largest bank in Texas, serving more than 10 million local customers and more than 750,000 business customers across the state. The grant to CLC, Inc. is part of JPMC's \$250 million New Skills at Work commitment, the largest ever private-sector effort aimed at addressing the global skills gap.