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## Corporate Support for HCDE's distance learning program leverages support for training high school science teachers throughout Texas

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HOUSTON, TX — A new, free-standing science center at Harris County Department of Education enables teacher training and K-12 engineering education in the sciences to “step-up” onto a regional and statewide platform. The HCDE Science Center which benefits teachers and students throughout Texas is envisioned to grow into a [distance learning](#) “broadcast station of the future.” The goal is to reach, train and motivate science teachers, robotics instructors and their students statewide.

A \$100,000 grant from Chevron presented earlier this year to the Education Foundation of Harris County supports the distance learning program at HCDE. The generous contribution enabled the distance learning program to enter the race and attain a \$400,000 government grant in September 2010 to develop curriculum and teacher training for an online, credit, engineering course for high school students, said Doug Kleiner, president of the Education Foundation. The science center is equipped to record and broadcast interviews with noted engineers so students can relate to the applicability of education in terms of their own life goals and the future workforce opportunities regionally.

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