



# Annual Grant Report

— FY 2017 —

Grant Development,  
Management and Compliance



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Greetings,

South Texas College's Department of Grant Development, Management and Compliance is pleased to share this report with awards for various innovative projects funded by state and federal agencies and foundations. In this *Annual Grant Report, Fiscal Year 2017*, you will find a summary of each project, the department that manages the implementation of the grant, and photographs or logos associated with the grant program. Each award in this report was authorized by the Board of Trustees of South Texas College between August 1, 2016 and July 31, 2017.

At South Texas College, the Department of Grant Development, Management and Compliance provides leadership, guidance, and participates in coordinated efforts to pursue the acquisition of external funds and provides post-award compliance support with requirements and guidelines from grantors. A wide array of services are provided by our team including assistance for faculty and staff to research and identify funding opportunities that are a good match to the college's priorities and needs, review of grant program requirements and guidelines for the development of fundable proposals, technical assistance and reviews to help prepare strong proposals, proofreading, editing of draft applications, concept papers, letters of support or commitment, budget development support, packaging and proposal submissions, as well as post-award compliance reviews and subrecipient monitoring. Our department also manages the grant records retention process for the first phase of physical and electronic storage of grant files. We serve as the primary point of contact for grants at South Texas College. More information from the Department of Grant Development, Management and Compliance is available online at <https://admin.southtexascollege.edu/grants/index.html>.

Our department looks forward to continuing to work with you to advance our institutions' vision, mission, and goals through the innovative and creative projects supported by grants and to expand partnerships that support South Texas College's efforts.

Sincerely,

The Department of Grant Development, Management and Compliance

## **THE DEPARTMENT OF GRANT DEVELOPMENT, MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE: WHAT WE DO**

The Grant Development, Management and Compliance Department promotes the identification and acquisition of external funds and supports compliance with grants that are awarded to the college. Staff members provide pre-award services, which promote the long-term financial growth of the institution. Grant Development Officers provide technical assistance for the development of fundable proposals that align to one or more of the Strategic Directions of South Texas College. Post-award support is provided by Grants and Contracts Compliance Officers for Principal Investigators and Financial Managers who manage the implementation and expenditures of grants. Guidance and support from our department is designed to ensure consistent compliance with applicable regulations, policies, and guidelines from funding agencies. The Department of Grant Development, Management and Compliance reports to the Office of the President at South Texas College.



## **JOBS AND EDUCATION FOR TEXAS (JET) GRANT**

**Funding Agency:** Texas Workforce Commission  
**Award:** \$120,585  
**Funding Period:** August 21, 2016 - July 30, 2017  
**Division/Department:** Academic Affairs/Nursing and Allied Health  
**Principal Investigator (PI):** Jayson T. Valerio DNP, RN; Dean of Nursing & Allied Health

The JET grant from the Texas Workforce Commission addresses the current needs of the region by providing students who enroll in the South Texas College Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Program with the opportunity to learn in a high quality simulation lab. The design for the simulation lab establishes a more controlled learning environment that mimics real patient scenarios and will enhance student learning outcomes.

This grant ensures:

- students engage in learning
- students prepare for the workforce
- positive affects to the economic and social mobility of residents in our region



## **COLLEGE READINESS AND SUCCESS MODELS GRANT**

**Funding Agency:** Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
**Award:** \$125,000  
**Funding Period:** August 15, 2016 - August 31, 2018  
**Division/Department:** Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education  
**Principal Investigator (PI):** Juan Carlos Aguirre, Dean of Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education

This grant award is managed and implemented by the Continuing Education Department to provide training services to 50 students co-enrolled in contextualized GED preparation and the first six (6) credit hours of a credit certificate. The funding pays for salaries, benefits, training materials, supplies, industry tours and testing fees.

This program supports:

- participants with pathways to a GED credential and a credit certificate leading to employment in a high-demand occupation
- opportunities to enroll in college and earn a post-secondary credential of value in the regional economy
- promotes successful completion of training and the first six credit hours of a credit certificate, which will have a positive effect on the economic and social mobility of residents in our region





## **SKILL DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR HEALTHCARE CONSORTIUM**

**Funding Agency:** Texas Workforce Commission  
**Award:** \$2,602,165  
**Funding Period:** August 24, 2016 - August 31, 2019  
**Division/Department:** Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education  
**Principal Investigator (PI):** Juan Carlos Aguirre, Dean of Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education

South Texas College serves as the fiscal agent for this \$2.6 million grant. This grant is administered by Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education to provide customized training in a variety of healthcare areas. This grant anticipates training 2,961 new and existing employees of a Healthcare Consortium comprised of six business partners:

- RGVMed, L. L. C. (dba Doctors Hospital at Renaissance)
- C. L. Anderson, Jr., M.D., P.A.
- Key Med, Inc.
- Shah Eye Center, P.A.
- Sarojini Bose, M.D., P.A., and
- Thurmond Eye Associates, P.A.

Upon completion of training, participating employees will receive a wage increase thereby increasing their economic and social mobility.



TWC Commissioner Representing Labor,  
Julian Alvarez.



## **CARL PERKINS BASIC GRANT**

**Funding Agency:** Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
**Award:** \$1,458,375  
**Funding Period:** September 1, 2016 - August 31, 2017  
**Division/Department:** College Wide  
**Principal Investigator (PI):** Samantha B. Uriegas, Grants/Contracts Compliance Officer

The “Carl Perkins Basic Grant” in the amount of \$1,458,375 from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) provides funds to improve graduation, retention, access, quality, and provide for the expansion of Career and Technical Education programs. Funds are used to support instructional resources, services, professional development, and other program activities for Career and Technical Education in the Divisions of Academic Affairs (Nursing and Allied Health; Business, Public Safety and Technology; and Liberal Arts & Social Sciences), Student Affairs & Enrollment Management, Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education and Information Services and Planning.

This award provides:

- students with opportunities in career and technical education, including extensive support to complete programs successfully
- increasing community awareness and
- access to career and technical education training and educational programs





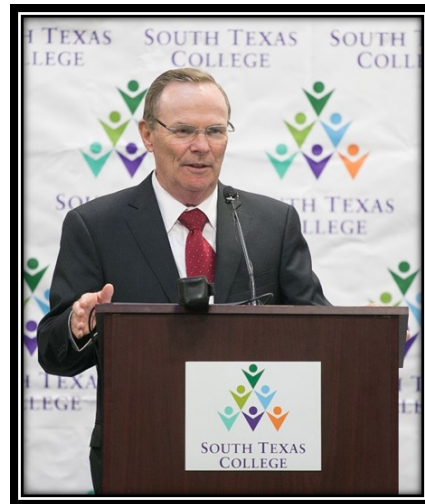
## CITY OF MCALLEN GRANT

**Funding Agency:** City of McAllen/McAllen Economic Development Corporation  
**Award:** \$400,000  
**Funding Period:** October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017  
**Division/Department:** Industry Training and Economic Development-Institute for Advanced Manufacturing  
**Principal Investigator (PI):** Carlos Margo, Associate Dean of Industry Training and Economic Development

This grant funds training for at least 650 new and incumbent workers in the local manufacturing industry, possibly training over 1,000 employees which promotes economic and social mobility.



Keith Patridge, President/CEO,  
McAllen Economic Development Corporation



Jim Darling, Mayor  
City of McAllen

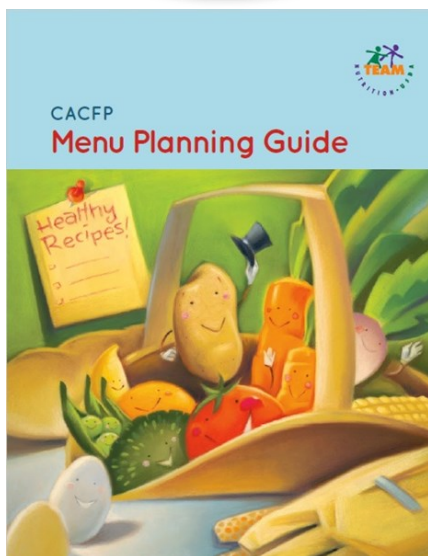
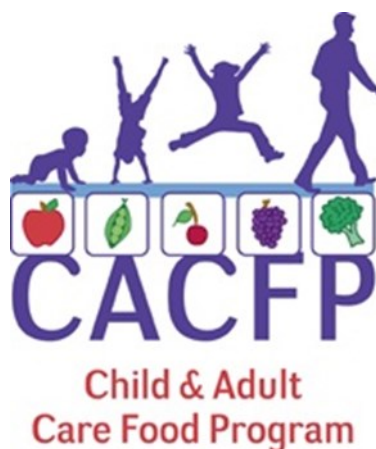


## CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM GRANT

**Funding Agency:** Texas Department of Agriculture  
**Award:** \$60,601  
**Funding Period:** October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017  
**Division/Department:** Academic Affairs/Liberal Arts and Social Sciences – Child Development  
**Principal Investigator (PI):** Veronica Rodriguez, Department Chair of Child Development

The Texas Department of Agriculture provides funds for South Texas College's Nutrition Program to prepare and serve nutritious meals to the children enrolled at Mid Valley Child Care Center.

This award supports the College in its efforts to ensure that eligible children enrolled at the Mid Valley Child Care Center receive nutritious meals.

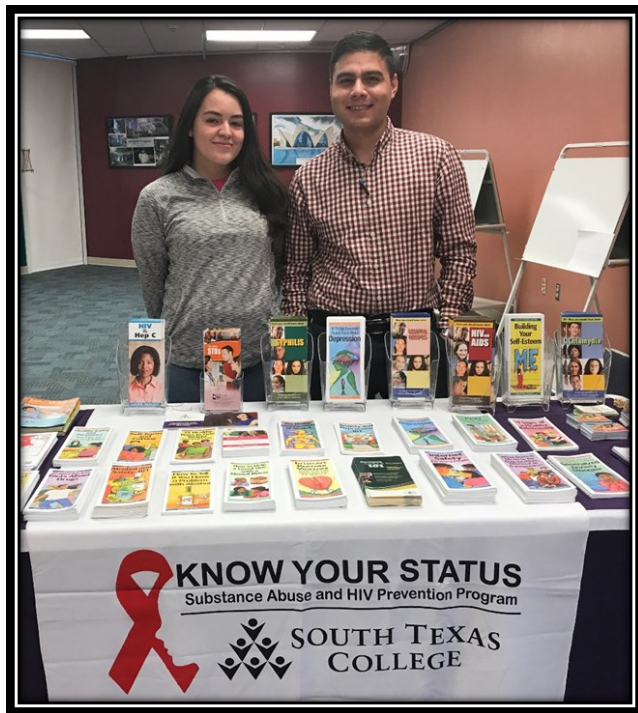




## MINORITY SERVING INSTITUTIONS (MSI) COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS (CBO) IN HIDALGO AND CAMERON COUNTIES SUBAWARD

**Funding Agency:** University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
**Award:** \$16,000  
**Funding Period:** September 30, 2016 - August 31, 2018  
**Division/Department:** Student Affairs and Enrollment Management  
**Principal Investigator (PI):** Santa E. Pena, Director of Counseling

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) Community-Based Organizations (CBO) in Hidalgo and Cameron Counties Subaward funds a part-time Peer Educator that acts as a liaison within the campus under the supervision of the Student Affairs Director of Counseling. The Peer Educator provides education through presentations and materials on the prevention of substance abuse and HIV/HCV infection to STC students. This grant supports collaboration through the partnership with UTRGV in an effort to expand community awareness.





## **CHILD DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES PROGRAM**

**Funding Agency:** Texas Workforce Solutions  
**Award:** \$61,160  
**Funding Period:** January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017  
**Division/Department:** Academic Affairs/Liberal Arts and Social Sciences – Child Development  
**Principal Investigator (PI):** Veronica Rodriguez, Department Chair of Child Development

Texas Workforce Solutions provides funding for child care development training for the South Texas Childcare Center. This grant funds training for least 40 participants, (20 participants for the spring 2017 semester and 20 participants for the fall 2017 semester). Training includes tuition and fees, CDA application fee and coursework textbooks.

This grant provides:

- coordinated efforts within Workforce Solutions
- outreach to targeted prospective students
- community awareness, community engagement, and community support for The South Texas College Child Care Center



## **CHILD CARE TRAINING - CONFERENCES**

**Funding Agency:** Texas Workforce Solutions  
**Award:** \$20,000  
**Funding Period:** January 29, 2017 - December 31, 2017  
**Division/Department:** Academic Affairs/Liberal Arts and Social Sciences – Child Development  
**Principal Investigator (PI):** Cecilia Villagran, Childcare Services Developer

This grant provides funding for training and education at a CDA conference for 400 participants. Four conferences will be provided with 100 participants each on the following dates: April 29, June 17, July 22, and October 28, 2017. Conference topics include Autism, Leadership, and Infant Toddler Development.

This grant supports:

- promoting a college-going culture
- proactive outreach in targeting prospective students
- training that expands the capacity of The South Texas College Child Center staff



## **TEXAS AFFORDABLE BACCALAUREATE (TAB) EXPANSION GRANT**

**Funding Agency:** College for All Texans/Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
**Award:** \$167,848  
**Funding Period:** January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2018  
**Division/Department:** Academic Affairs/Bachelors of Applied Technology & Science Programs  
**Principal Investigator (PI):** Dr. Kevin Peek, Economics Instructor

Texas Affordable Baccalaureate (TAB) Expansion Grant funds the development of competency-based coursework, support services, and helps establish an articulation agreement for an online competency based Bachelor of Applied Technology (BAT) degree in Computer Information Technology (CIT). All of the existing competency-based courses in ACC's Associate of Applied Science (AAS) will seamlessly transfer into the college's newly developed competency-based BAT in CIT.

This grant delivers distance education through a comprehensive and full-service virtual campus and by offering a new online competency-based program.





## **LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSING (LVN) PROGRAM/JOBS FOR TEXANS GRANT (JET)**

**Funding Agency:** Texas Workforce Commission  
**Award:** \$223,109  
**Funding Period:** March 1, 2017 – February 28, 2018  
**Division/Department:** Academic Affairs/Nursing and Allied Health  
**Principal Investigator (PI):** Jayson T. Valerio DNP, RN; Dean of Nursing & Allied Health

This grant provides funding for equipment to improve existing nursing laboratories at the Mid-Valley and Starr Campuses. Laboratories will simulate real-world hospital scenarios that are needed to meet the demands of the current complex healthcare environment.

This grant provides:

- coherent educational experiences and timely completion of a postsecondary credential leading to relevant employment and further educational experiences
- support to students in the Nursing and Allied Health LVN program to state of the art equipment and supports high demand workforce needs



## HATE, HOPE AND HEALING PROJECT

**Funding Agency:** The Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission  
**Award:** \$4,000  
**Funding Period:** March 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017  
**Division/Department:** Academic Affairs/ Visual Arts & Music  
**Principal Investigator (PI):** Michael Gersten, Instructor

The Texas Holocaust Genocide Commission provides funding for projects that educate and engage the community about the Holocaust and the personal responsibility we have in helping to prevent future acts of hate crimes and genocide. This grant enables South Texas College's Music Department to produce multimedia musical performances and to offer live streamed performances to a digital audience.

The grant expands community awareness, engagement, and support via community outreach activities at local school districts and community centers. Funds will be used to promote a mutually beneficial community performance that educates and engages the community about the Holocaust through innovative musical performances that involve the music and art departments for interdepartmental collaboration. To learn more please visit: <https://magersten.wixsite.com/abislklezmer>





## **SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANT**

**Funding Agency:** Texas Workforce Commission  
**Award:** \$221,729  
**Funding Period:** April 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017  
**Division/Department:** Industry Training and Economic Development-Institute for Advanced Manufacturing  
**Principal Investigator (PI):** Carlos Margo, Associate Dean of Industry Training and Economic Development

Through this grant, The Texas Workforce Commission supports the manufacturing industry in the Lower Rio Grande Valley by providing technical skilled training for students in the Institute for Advanced Manufacturing. Funding will help businesses meet their training needs and build a skilled workforce.

This grant offers technical skilled training towards high demand occupations in Advanced Manufacturing.





## **SKILLS FOR SMALL BUSINESS GRANT**

**Funding Agency:** Texas Workforce Commission  
**Award:** \$44,100  
**Funding Period:** April 13, 2017 - April 30, 2018  
**Division/Department:** Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education  
**Principal Investigator (PI):** Juan Carlos Aguirre, Dean of Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education

Funding from the Skills for Small Business program is designed to provide training offered by the Department of Continuing, Professional and Workforce Education and the Institute for Advanced Manufacturing. This program supports businesses with fewer than 100 employees and upgrades their skills through courses in accounting, computers, strategic management, HIPAA regulations and customer service.

This grant supports training to develop skills among employees of local small businesses and provides training that will help employees increase their economic and social mobility.



## **GENE HAAS FOUNDATION GRANT**

**Funding Agency:** Gene Haas Foundation  
**Award:** \$15,000  
**Funding Period:** April 13, 2017 - April 30, 2018  
**Division/Department:** Academic Affairs/Advanced Manufacturing Technology Program  
**Principal Investigator (PI):** Dr. Esmeralda Adame, Assistant Dean, Business, Public Safety and Technology Division, Program Chair, Associate Professor

Scholarship funds from the Gene Haas Foundation will focus on manufacturing education and machinist training and helps emphasize the importance of the US manufacturing industry for South Texas College's Advanced Manufacturing Technology Program.

This grant offers students a coherent experience at attaining a post-secondary credential leading to relevant employment and further educational opportunities for South Texas College's Advanced Manufacturing Technology Program.



## THE REA CHARITABLE TRUST FOUNDATION GRANT

**Funding Agency:** Wells Fargo Bank  
**Award:** \$33,000  
**Funding Period:** January 2, 2017 – November 1, 2017  
**Division/Department:** Academic Affairs/ Visual Arts & Music  
**Principal Investigator (PI):** Michael Gersten, Instructor

This grant funds high-quality band instruments for the Music Department in an effort to expand access to the performing arts in the Rio Grande Valley, and provide students an opportunity to learn and engage in the visual and performing arts at South Texas College.





## TEXAS PREFRESHMAN ENGINEERING PROGRAM (TEXPREP)

**Funding Agency:** University of Texas at San Antonio  
**Award:** \$16,923  
**Funding Period:** March 1, 2017 - February 28, 2018  
**Division/Department:** Academic Affairs/Academies and High School Projects  
**Principal Investigator (PI):** Rebecca De Leon, Director of Academies and High School Projects

This partnership agreement identifies high achieving middle and high school students with a potential career interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics in order to help prepare students in pursuit of STEM fields. TexPREP stresses the development of abstract reasoning and problem-solving skills through coursework, team projects, class presentations, and examinations.

This grant increases the college-going rate of students across the Rio Grande Valley and provides middle and high school students with access to STC's facilities to engage them in attending an institution of higher learning.



## **THE GRADTX PROGRAM**

**Funding Agency:** Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board  
**Award:** \$30,000  
**Funding Period:** August 7, 2017 - August 31, 2018  
**Division/Department:** Student Affairs & Enrollment Management/Student Financial Services  
**Principal Investigator (PI):** Judy Martinez, Coordinator of Scholarships

This grant provides financial support to students who have a significant number of semester credit hours and have “stopped out” without earning a credential or degree. Funds will pay the balance on accounts for students who demonstrate financial need and whose inability to pay has prevented them from re-enrolling and completing their program of study. The GRADTX program also supports South Texas College’s efforts that contribute toward meeting the objectives of the 60X30TX Higher Education Plan.

This grant provides students with financial support so that they may continue to enroll in coursework at South Texas College.



## **KENEDY MEMORIAL FOUNDATION INITIATIVE**

**Funding Agency:** Kenedy Memorial Foundation  
**Award:** \$15,000  
**Funding Period:** June 2017 through May 2018  
**Division/Department:** Academic Affairs/Business, Public Safety and Technology  
**Principal Investigator (PI):** Mario Reyna, Dean of Business, Public Safety and Technology

Funding from the Kenedy Memorial Foundation for Scholarships for Technical Students allows South Texas College to award scholarships via tuition assistance to financially needy students to support their completion of an Associate of Applied Science degree in a technical field.



## **INNOVATIVE 3 (i3) DEVELOPMENT GRANT – PROJECT HEALTH EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP FOR ALL (HEAL2)**

**Funding Agency:** United States Department of Education  
**Award:** \$1,108,791  
**Funding Period:** January 2017 – March 2019  
**Division/Department:** Academic Affairs/Nursing and Allied Health  
**Principal Investigator (PI):** Christie M. Candelaria, EdD, RN, CCRN-K  
Interim Director, Associate Degree Nursing Program

Project HEAL2 is a collaborative project among Region One Education Service Center, South Texas College, Doctor's Hospital at Renaissance (DHR), South Texas ISD, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD and La Joya ISD to serve a diverse population of 20 to 25 students from 9 high schools through their first year of college. The purpose would be to develop knowledge and skills that prepare them for success in a rigorous Health integrated/Nursing curriculum. Additionally, 200 to 300 students will receive related academic support from trained educators and curriculum designed to engage students in hands-on, Project Based Learning opportunities that develop a culturally diverse Nursing Workforce pipeline.





## **THE RGV FOCUS – GATES GRANT PROGRAM SUB-AWARD FROM THE EDUCATE TEXAS FUND OF COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION OF TEXAS**

**Funding Agency:** RGV Focus  
**Award:** \$14,000  
**Funding Period:** September 1, 2017 – October 31, 2017  
**Division/Department:** Information Services, Planning & Strategic Initiatives  
**Principal Investigator (PI):** Isaac Garza, Project Manager

This subaward allows South Texas College to increase capacity of college guidance professionals to expand data sharing. South Texas College will collaborate with up to four school districts to participate in a study conducted by the Educational Results Partnership (ERP) that will investigate the effects of alternative assessment and placement strategies on students overall academic performance, persistence and progress towards college degrees. The study will result in the design of an evidence based alternative placement method that will be used as a tool to help South Texas College refine a holistic process to assess and determine appropriate placement for students in college courses.



**RGV FOCUS**  
*a collaboration with Educate Texas*

## **STATE FARM GOOD NEIGHBOR CITIZENSHIP® COMPANY GRANT**

**Funding Agency:** State Farm Insurance Company  
**Award:** \$2,500  
**Funding Period:** August 2, 2017 – December 31, 2017  
**Division/Department:** Student Affairs & Enrollment Management/Student Activities and Wellness Department  
**Principal Investigator (PI):** Elibariki V. Nguma, Director of Student Activities and Wellness

Funding from State Farm Insurance is designed to provide Financial Literacy workshops for South Texas College students. The Student Activities and Wellness Department will manage and implement these workshops to help students learn how to manage their finances. Approximately 10 financial literacy workshops and classroom presentations will be conducted. Funds will be used for facilitators and presenters, program supplies, and other event costs, such as snacks and refreshments for attendees.



*Special thanks to all who contribute toward the continued success of South Texas College. Our collective efforts to secure external funds through grants expands the capacity of the College to advance prosperity in the communities we serve.*

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**For more information, please visit our webpage:**

<http://admin.southtexascollege.edu/grants/>

**Statement of Equal Education and Equal Employment Opportunity**

South Texas College is an equal education and equal employment opportunity/affirmative action employer. As an equal education institution and equal opportunity employer, the College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, disability, genetic information, or veteran status. Discrimination is prohibited and the College will comply with all applicable College policies, and state and federal legislation. This policy extends to individuals seeking employment with and admission to the College.

Grant Development, Management and Compliance Department