

**The University of Texas-Pan American  
Center for Manufacturing)**

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**Overview**

This new contingency rider would restore funding for the special item to 2002-03 general revenue funding level. The additional revenue would be contingent on the Comptroller of Public Accounts certifying that increased activity by the Center would generate at least the same amount of additional revenue to the General Revenue Fund.

The Center for Manufacturing at The University of Texas-Pan American provides technical assistance to current and prospective manufacturers through the utilization of services available from the Center and from academic, industrial, governmental and private sources. Assistance to manufacturers consists of technology transfer, manufacturing support in production, quality, management, product technology problem resolution and new product evaluation. The Center works closely with the Engineering department faculty and students. The Center has provided technical assistance to 137 manufacturers in South Texas resulting in an impact of \$9,120,500 and the creation/retention of 413 jobs (biennium-to-date).

The Center uses state appropriations to match grants from the federal government and generates \$130,420 of indirect cost recovery for the biennium.

**Required Actions**

On page III-69 of CSHB 1 of the bill pattern for The University of Texas-Pan American:

1. Increase general revenue funding in Strategy C.3.2. Center for Manufacturing by \$27,374 in FY 2004 and \$27,374 in FY 2005.

On page III-69 of CSHB 1 of the bill pattern for The University of Texas-Pan American add the following new rider:

\_\_\_\_\_. Center for Manufacturing. Included in the appropriation above to The University of Texas-Pan American in Strategy C.3.2. Center for Manufacturing is \$27,374 in each year of

the biennium for the Center for Manufacturing contingent upon certification by the Comptroller of Public Accounts that increased activity by the Center will generate at least \$54,748 for the biennium in additional revenue to the General Revenue Fund.