



State of California

Employment Training Panel

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Employment Training Panel Awards \$4.48 Million in Job Training Funds to Train 4,300 California Workers

SACRAMENTO – The California Labor and Workforce Development Agency's Employment Training Panel (ETP), at its January 27, 2006, meeting approved 21 contracts, totaling over \$4,480,000 million in job training funds to train more than 4,300 California workers.

ETP is a business and labor supported state agency that assists employers to solidify their competitive edge by providing funds to partially off-set the costs of job skills training necessary to maintain high-performance workplaces. California's ETP is a performance-based program, providing funds for trainees who successfully complete approved training programs and are retained in well paying jobs for a specific period of time.

The program is funded by the Employment Training Tax paid by California employers, and targets firms threatened by out-of-state and international competition. Since its inception in 1983, the ETP program has provided over \$800 million to train more than 600,000 workers in almost 50,000 California companies. Employers match training funds awarded through ETP contracts, making these projects actual public-private partnerships.

The current contracts call for new hire or retraining in the areas of business, computer, continuous improvement and manufacturing skills, as well as advanced technology and literacy skills.

To view copies of the proposals considered by the Panel at its most recent meeting, visit the ETP website at <http://www.etp.ca.gov/packet.cfm>. For more information about the ETP program, please visit www.etp.ca.gov, or call 916/5640.

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**EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PANEL
CONTRACTS APPROVED
JANUARY 27, 2006**

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
BEMA Electronics, Inc.	Alameda	\$38,500
Designed Metal Connection	Los Angeles	\$166,465
Dynacast, Inc.	Orange	\$28,210
E-3 Systems	Alameda	\$15,600
Redwood Children's Services	Lake/Mendocino	\$7,200
Redwood Empire Electrical Training Trust,	Sonoma/Marin/Lake/ Alameda/Sacramento	\$69,500
Southland Credit Union	Los Angeles	\$49,980
Pacific Bell Directory	Statewide	\$1,169,605
Power Paragon, Inc.	Orange/ Los Angeles	\$200,772
Spa Builders Support Group, Inc.	Riverside	\$116,800
Kim Lighting, Inc.	Los Angeles/San Bernardino	\$157,248
Medtronic Minimed, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$218,400
Norman Krieger, Inc.	Imperial/Los Angeles/ San Diego	\$198,900
Tejon Ranch	Kern	\$233,740
Micrel, Inc.	Santa Clara	\$309,400
Fante, Inc. dba Casa Sanchez Foods	San Mateo	\$94,800
Frontier Dental Laboratories, Inc.	Sacramento	\$96,720
UAW Labor Employment & Training Corp.	Los Angeles	\$152,640
West Covina Chamber of Commerce	Los Angeles	\$200,199
Goodwill Industries of San Joaquin Valley, Inc.	San Joaquin/Stanislaus/Fresno/ Kern/Tulare Counties	\$402,875
Hitchcock and Holcombe, Inc., dba Continental Training Center	Northern California Counties	\$553,080

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