



State of California

Employment Training Panel

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Employment Training Panel Awards \$6.3 Million in Job Training Funds to Train 8,154 California Workers

SACRAMENTO – The California Labor and Workforce Development Agency's Employment Training Panel (ETP), at its May 25, 2006, meeting approved 18 contracts, totaling approximately \$6.3 million in job training funds to train 8,154 California workers.

The San Francisco Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (SFHCC) received a contract for \$29,900 to train 50 minority small business owners in innovative skills that will allow them to effectively operate and expand their businesses. This contract will assist the SFHCC in its ongoing efforts to assist minority, women, and service-disabled small business owners (MWDVBES) in competing for contracts with large corporations. ETP funding will allow business owners with no more than nine employees to acquire skills necessary to manage the competitive bidding process and overcome language barriers impeding their success.

"We are excited about receiving ETP funding because this is the first project of its kind that serves as a collaborative effort to improve the minority community," said Richard Ventura, SFHCC Executive Director. For more information regarding SFHCC's program, call Richard Ventura at 415-278-9611.

ETP is recognized as an essential resource for many small employers who otherwise have no means to train their workers. In recent years, about 60% of all businesses served by ETP employed 100 or fewer workers, 47% employed 50 or fewer workers, and 20% employed 20 or fewer workers. Over the last few years, ETP has paid out \$32 million for the successful training and employment retention of 21,000 workers employed by small businesses in California. ETP can contract with small businesses directly or through multiple employer contracts, such as the SFHCC contract.

For more information regarding ETP's Small Business and Entrepreneurial Training Programs, contact Charles Lundberg at 916-327-5261.

ETP is a business and labor supported state agency that assists employers in strengthening 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 \$950 million to train more than 650,000 workers in almost 60,000 California companies. Employers match training funds awarded through ETP contracts, making these projects true public-private partnerships.

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 916-327-5261.

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(Attachment)

**EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PANEL
CONTRACTS APPROVED
May 25, 2006**

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
Aerosol Services Company	Los Angeles	\$ 81,120
John H. Harland Company	Ventura	\$ 133,380
Kaiser Aluminum	Los Angeles	\$ 130,000
Nexus IS, Inc.	Los Angeles/Orange/San Diego/ San Bernardino/Alameda	\$ 252,200
Pactiv Corporation	Los Angeles	\$ 176,176
Sysco Food Services of Ventura, Inc.	Ventura	\$ 195,975
Evolution Manufacturing Trade Association	Statewide	\$ 999,684
UAW Labor Employment & Training Corporation	Los Angeles	\$ 155,440
AT&T California	Statewide	\$ 1,756,072
Gimbal Brothers, Inc.	San Mateo	\$ 98,400
Santur Corporation	Alameda	\$ 146,640
San Francisco Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	San Francisco	\$ 29,900
Vince's Office Supply, Inc., dba The Office City	San Francisco/San Joaquin	\$ 48,760
Accenture, LLP	Los Angeles/Contra Costa/ San Francisco/Santa Clara/ Sacramento	\$ 299,662
Arcor PET Packaging USA, Inc.	Los Angeles/Solano/ San Joaquin	\$ 586,950
Bay Area Video Coalition	Statewide	\$ 606,237
Genesis Microchip	Santa Clara	\$ 202,800
Roadway Express, Inc.	Statewide	\$ 394,875

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