



State of California

Employment Training Panel

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Employment Training Panel Awards \$12.7 Million to Train Almost 10,000 California Workers

SACRAMENTO – The California Labor and Workforce Development Agency's Employment Training Panel (ETP), at its September 22, 2006, meeting approved 39 contracts, totaling over \$12.7 million in job training funds to train 9,710 California workers.

One of the proposals approved by the Panel was a contract for \$1,998,000 to National Semiconductor Corporation, headquartered in Santa Clara County, to train 1,500 workers to innovate and develop new technologies, provide services and applications using emerging technologies, and to more effectively identify customer needs. National Semiconductor, which faces significant off-shore competition, is involved in rapid and prolific product development, which places a heavy burden on worker proficiency. ETP funded training will help National Semiconductor remain competitive in the global market and will assist in the retention of jobs with good wages and career opportunities.

Crane Aerospace and Electronic, established in Burbank in 1951, received funding in the amount of \$528,768 to train 450 employees in lean manufacturing, continuous improvement and business skills. Crane manufactures antiskid and brake control produces, a variety of centrifugal pumps, and a wide range of hydraulic components for companies such as Boeing, Airbus and FedEx. Crane is changing its business culture from yesterday's old economy value-creation into the technology-driven fast-paced future of the new economy, an evolution that requires workers to prepare for responsibility and process changes in order to realize efficiencies, reduce costs, eliminate waste, and add value to Crane's customers. ETP funding will assist the company in its efforts to gain market share and remain viable in the California economy.

The Panel also awarded Door Components, Inc., headquartered in Rancho Cucamonga, San Bernardino County, a \$64,800 contract to train 75 employees in an effort to combat out-of-state competition pressures by manufacturing a higher quality product and providing superior customer service. Door Components manufactures metal doors, window frames and metal molding for the building and construction industries, most of which are designed for commercial and industrial buildings. ETP funding will assist the company increase its operational efficiency, transition to a high performance workplace, improve customer satisfaction, retain valued employees, and improve its competitiveness in a changing market.

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 \$1 billion to train more than 660,000 workers in over 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
September 22, 2006

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
<u>Electronic Interface, Inc., dba Applied Engineering</u>	Santa Clara	\$ 160,512
<u>National Semiconductor Corporation</u>	Santa Clara/Nevada San Diego/Los Angeles	\$ 1,998,000
<u>Goodwill Industries of Santa Clara</u>	Santa Clara	\$ 210,500
<u>Vince's Office Supply, dba T.H.E. Office City</u>	San Joaquin/San Mateo	\$ 131,560
<u>Sealy, Inc.</u>	Contra Costa/Los Angeles	\$ 324,000
<u>Stryker Endoscopy</u>	Santa Clara	\$ 486,972
<u>Oxman College</u>	San Francisco/Alameda Contra Costa/San Mateo Marin/Butte/Sacramento Los Angeles	\$ 479,990
<u>Tyco Thermal Controls LLC</u>	San Mateo	\$ 99,000
<u>Fremont Investment & Loan</u>	Contra Costa/Orange Los Angeles/San Bernardino	\$ 975,000
<u>Kendall Financial Services</u>	Contra Costa	\$ 3,344
<u>Veterinary Pet Insurance Company</u>	Orange	\$ 472,500
<u>Door Components</u>	San Bernardino	\$ 64,800
<u>University of San Diego, Division of Continuing Education</u>	San Diego	\$ 78,700
<u>General Atomics</u>	San Diego	\$ 221,400
<u>Brithinee Electronic, Inc.</u>	San Bernardino	\$ 46,200
<u>The Sedaker Group of So. Calif. Inc. dba Direct Buy of West Riverside County</u>	Riverside	\$ 49,764
<u>Pacific Coachworks, Inc.</u>	Riverside	\$ 49,920
<u>Comprehensive Training Systems, Inc.</u>	San Diego	\$ 286,595
<u>Progressive Casualty Insurance Co.</u>	Sacramento	\$ 391,950
<u>Cottage Bakery, Inc.</u>	San Joaquin	\$ 819,000
<u>Sacramento Employment Training Agency</u>	Sacramento/Amador/Yolo Calaveras/El Dorado/Sutter/ Placer/San Joaquin/Solano	\$ 1,067,560
<u>HCM Health Care, Inc., dba Health Care Management</u>	Placer/Plumas/Lassen/Merced/ Stanislaus/Madera/Marin/ Santa Cruz	\$ 306,000
<u>Sterling Alliance, Inc.</u>	Humboldt/Shasta/	\$ 229,320

<u>dba CCT Computer Learning Center</u>	Tehama/Trinity		
<u>Flight Light, Inc.</u>	Sacramento	\$	19,800
<u>Uptown Studio</u>	Sacramento/San Francisco	\$	6,240
<u>Fortune Fashion Industries</u>	Los Angeles	\$	315,000
<u>Community Career Development, Inc.</u>	Los Angeles	\$	236,965
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<u>J&R Film Co., Inc.,</u> <u>dba Moviola Education Center</u>	Los Angeles/Orange San Diego	\$	745,000
<u>NDC Infrared Engineering, Inc.</u>	Los Angeles	\$	72,576
<u>Crane Aerospace and Electronics</u>	Los Angeles	\$	528,768
<u>Shaw Diversified Services, Inc.</u>	Los Angeles	\$	389,550
<u>Riviera, Inc., dba The Enterprise U</u>	Statewide	\$	301,600
<u>Sony Pictures Entertainment, Inc.</u>	Los Angeles	\$	403,560
<u>Southern California Painter and Drywall</u> <u>Joint Apprenticeship Trust Counsel</u>	Statewide	\$	224,172
<u>Ceilings Plus, A Joint Venture</u>	Los Angeles	\$	49,400
<u>El Clasificado</u>	Los Angeles	\$	20,240
<u>Quantech Machining, Inc.</u>	Los Angeles	\$	10,400
<u>Beacon Management, Inc.</u>	Los Angeles	\$	8,712

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