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Employment Training Panel

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Employment Training Panel Awards \$74,000 to Small Business Gemini Energy Services

The California Labor and Workforce Development Agency's Employment Training Panel (ETP) awarded \$74,100 in job training funds from its small business program to Gemini Energy Services. The money will be used to train 19 veterans of Gemini's San Diego-based employees in commercial skills to provide full-service operations and maintenance to the wind industry, part of ETP's green/clean priority industries.

Gemini's business model includes hiring newly discharged veterans and training them as wind turbine technicians. Gemini turbine technicians provide commissioning, O&M, inspection and calibration services across the U.S. to wind farm project developers, manufacturers, and owner/operators.

"Gemini's mission is to provide employment for veterans transitioning from the military into the wind industry. As a veteran myself, I enjoy matching veterans with clients seeking a technically proficient, well disciplined, and safety-focused workforce," said James Haley, Operations Director for Gemini Energy Services. "Our success is built on sound technical skills and proven background of transitioning veterans, and providing them with top-notch wind and OSHA training to ensure their success." For more information, please visit www.geminienergyservices.com or email info@geminienergyservices.com.

At its August, 2009 strategic planning meeting, ETP acted to maximize its training funds in support of small business. The Panel adopted a plan to fast track small business proposals by allowing the Chair and Executive Director to approve small business contract proposals below \$75,000 on a continuous basis, rather than taking these to the full Panel for approval during regularly scheduled meetings.

"ETP is committed to supporting the revitalization of California's economy through strategic allocation of program resources and focused investment," said ETP Director Brian McMahon. "We will continue to move toward training that promotes job creation and retention in emerging sectors, while investing in California's key existing industries."

ETP is a business and labor supported state agency that assists employers in strengthening their competitive edge by providing funds to partially off-set costs of job skills training necessary to maintain high-performance workplaces. Our program is performance-based, 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, as well as other barriers. Since its inception in 1983, the ETP program has provided close to \$1.2 billion for the training and employment retention of 720,000 workers for approximately 75,000 California companies. Employers match training funds awarded through ETP contracts, making these projects true public-private partnerships.

To view the small business contracts, please see attached list. For more information about the ETP program, please visit www.etp.ca.gov.

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Calendar for Delegation Order Approval ≤ \$75,000 Proposals August 2009

<i>Project</i>	<i>Approved Amount</i>
Accessories Marketing, Inc. -----	\$28,600
Atlas Performance Industries, Inc. -----	\$53,040
Axner Excavation, Inc. -----	\$73,944
Barton Brands of California, Inc. -----	\$72,450
Best Interiors, Inc. -----	\$63,360
CADMASTER Technologies, LLC -----	\$12,480
Cibola Systems Corporation -----	\$29,700
Compass Components, Inc. -----	\$36,828
Consumer Resource Network LLC -----	\$42,480
Dauntless Industries, Inc. dba Dauntless Molds -----	\$40,560
DeWeyl Tool Co., Inc. -----	\$39,000
Downey Chamber of Commerce -----	\$49,632
Evenstar, Inc. -----	\$74,256
First Circuit, Inc. dba Precision Circuits of San Diego -----	\$15,600
Fuji Food Products, Inc. -----	\$74,448
Goodwill Industries of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties -----	\$72,340
Iwamoto Farms -----	\$ 9,802
John List Corporation -----	\$20,280
K.F. Howell Electric, Inc. -----	\$71,760
Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce Foundation -----	\$49,632
McLane Foodservice, Inc. -----	\$75,000
Mi Rancho Tortilla, Inc. -----	\$72,800
MPC Industrial Products, Inc. dba MPC Industries, Inc. -----	\$29,640
Next Intent, Inc. -----	\$29,120
Northern Central Distributing, Inc. -----	\$65,988
Performance Composites, Inc. -----	\$34,320
Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce -----	\$49,632
Shlemmer+Algaze+Associates Interior & Architecture, Inc. -----	\$73,810
Sky Onc, Inc. dba Vertex China -----	\$26,000
T L Machine, Inc. -----	\$73,710
The Wentworth Company, Inc. -----	\$26,400
TLD Acquisition Co., LLC -----	\$74,400
Tolar Manufacturing Company, Incorporated -----	\$67,080
Versa Products dba VersaTables.com -----	\$23,400
Whittier Chamber of Commerce -----	\$49,632
Wightman Engineering Services, Incorporated -----	\$46,800
Winslow Automation, Inc. -----	\$49,764
Total Approved: -----	\$1,797,688

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Delegation Order Approval
≤ \$75,000 Proposals
September 2009**

<u>Project</u>	<u>Approved Amount</u>
A Better Affect, Inc. dba ABACORP CNC Machined Parts -----	\$15,600
Commercial and Industrial Design Co., Inc. -----	\$32,240
Electronic Manufacturing Technology, LLC -----	\$67,184
E.M. Norton Enterprises, Inc. dba EMN Defense Services -----	\$19,760
Eminence Healthcare, Inc. -----	\$52,800
HAI Advanced Material Specialists, Inc. -----	\$32,760
Jaco Engineering -----	\$15,912
Means Engineering, Inc. -----	\$31,200
Mellano Enterprises, Inc. -----	\$73,892
Mike's Micro Parts, Incorporated -----	\$32,032
Orion ICS, LLC dba Gemini Energy Services -----	\$74,100
Outsource Testing Inc. -----	\$67,574
Pacific Aero Components -----	\$16,744
Picosys Incorporated dba Invenios, Inc. -----	\$70,980
Proformance Manufacturing, Inc. -----	\$26,520
SL&K, Inc., dba Mattson's Radiator -----	\$9,464
Surfacelnk Corporation -----	\$74,906
SVM Machining, Inc. -----	\$30,160
T & T Solutions, Inc. -----	\$42,588
T-Rex Truck Products, Inc. -----	\$29,900
Timco/Cal RF, Inc. -----	\$52,000
 Total Approved: -----	 <u>\$868,316</u>