



State of California
Employment Training Panel

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**Employment Training Panel Awards Over \$4.6M
To Train California Workers**

SACRAMENTO – The California Labor and Workforce Development Agency’s Employment Training Panel (ETP) awarded over \$4.6 million in job training funds at its meeting today to improve the skills of and provide new skill sets for hundreds of California workers, primarily in the healthcare and green/clean industries.

Of the 11 total projects approved by the Panel, seven will receive funds for clean energy workforce training as part of ETP’s new partnership with the California Energy Commission (CEC), and in keeping with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger’s goal to promote California as a worldwide leader in environmental stewardship.

“ETP recognizes that the green/clean industry is a driving force in California’s economic and jobs recovery,” said ETP Executive Director Brian McMahon. “We are pleased that through our partnership with the California Energy Commission, ETP now has additional resources to support further training for both newly hired and existing workers in the green sector.”

The seven green/clean sector related projects are located throughout the state and propose to train more than 1,000 newly hired workers and existing employees. ETP funds will assist these companies in expanding and retaining their operations in California.

One of the seven green/clean ETP award recipients includes Bay-area based Northern California Solar Energy Association, which received funds for 120 incumbent workers of small businesses with fewer than 100 employees and 20 workers of larger businesses to be trained as solar photovoltaic installers or system designers.

The remaining four projects approved by the Panel – some of which are located in rural and/or high unemployment areas -- are for non-profit nursing skills training for existing registered nurses.

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 that is 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 close to \$1.25 billion to train approximately 760,000 workers for more than 77,000 California companies. Employers match training funds awarded through ETP contracts, making these projects true public-private partnerships.

To view copies of all proposals considered by the Panel at its January meeting, please visit the ETP website at www.etp.ca.gov/packets.cfm. For more information about the ETP program, please visit www.etp.ca.gov, or call 916-327-5261.

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By action of the Panel, the projects listed below may be reduced based on determination of available funds. The amounts below do not reflect this adjustment.

**EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PANEL
CONTRACTS APPROVED
January 29, 2010**

<u>Contractor**</u>	<u>City/County</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
<u>San Diego Regional Office</u>		
Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian (NPN)	Orange	\$499,500
Home Energy Systems, Inc. (CEWTP)	San Diego	\$110,500
SJCH Foundation dba San Joaquin Community Hospital (NPN)	Kern	\$499,950
<u>North Hollywood Regional Office</u>		
Farmworker Institute of Education and Leadership Development (CEWTP)	Monterey, Kern	\$663,840
<u>Sacramento Regional Office</u>		
Shasta Tehama Trinity Joint Community College District (CEWTP)	Shasta, Tehama, Trinity	\$137,410
<u>San Francisco Bay Area Regional Office</u>		
Private Industry Council of Butte County, Inc. (NPN)	Butte, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou	\$336,666
Solyndra, Inc. (CEWTP)	Alameda	\$350,550
St. Joseph Health System – Humboldt County (NPN)	Humboldt	\$499,320
<u>Statewide</u>		
California Labor Federation (CEWTP)	Statewide	\$750,000
California and Nevada Labor Management Corporation Trust (CEWTP)	Statewide	\$450,175
Northern California Solar Energy Association, Inc. (CEWTP)	Statewide	\$266,620

**Contracts grouped by ETP Regional Office areas