



California

## *Employment Training Panel*

*Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor*

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### **Employment Training Panel Approves \$4M To Train California Workers**

SACRAMENTO – The California Labor and Workforce Development Agency's Employment Training Panel (ETP) approved \$4,013,066 in special job training funds at its meeting today to upgrade the skills of thousands of California workers in the sectors of green/clean manufacturing and technology, and alternative and renewable fuel and new vehicle technology.

A total of 13 projects were approved for funding, eight of which support the High-Wage High-Skill Training Program funded by the Governor's 15% Discretionary Funds, totaling \$2,198,766. The remaining five projects, totaling \$1,814,300, support the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program created under the AB 118 Program, which is administered and funded by the California Energy Commission.

"Nearly 2,400 California workers will benefit directly from today's ETP approved projects, which include new hire training as well as training of existing workers," said ETP executive director Brian McMahon. We are particularly pleased to be partnering with the California Energy Commission to further the workforce development goals of the AB 118 program. The training agreements will help foster California's alternative fuel and new vehicle industries, furthering Governor Schwarzenegger's goals for the state as a leader in these emerging sectors."

The approved projects are representative of business contractors, labor organizations, and community colleges throughout the state. The group includes, Bakersfield based KS Industries, which proposes to retrain over 200 of its workers, providing up-to-date skills in the solar and wind energy industry. Southern California Painting & Drywall Apprenticeship Training Trust, whose contract covers 12 counties, proposes to train approximately 250 apprentices and journey level painters and drywall finishers in new techniques and technology. Northern California's AB 118 contract award recipient, Electric Vehicles International, will use its funds to train 100 new workers in commercial skills related to manufacturing of and conversion to electric vehicles. To view copies of all proposals considered by the Panel at its June meeting, please visit the ETP website at [www.etp.ca.gov/packets.cfm](http://www.etp.ca.gov/packets.cfm).

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 are 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. For more information about the ETP program, please visit [www.etp.ca.gov](http://www.etp.ca.gov), or call 916-327-5261.

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 CONTRACTS APPROVED  
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<u>Contractor</u>	<u>City/County</u>	<u>Contract Amt</u>
<b><u>San Francisco Bay Area Regional Office</u></b>		
Adept Technology, Inc.	Alameda	\$ 173,550
Applied Material, Inc.	Santa Clara	\$ 498,960
Green Structures Association of California, LLC	Statewide	\$ 152,420
West Valley-Mission Community College District	Santa Clara, San Benito	\$ 234,000
<b><u>San Diego Regional Office</u></b>		
ISE Corporation	San Diego	\$ 453,600
<b><u>North Hollywood Regional Office</u></b>		
El Camino Community College District, Center for applied Competitive Technologies	Statewide	\$ 498,140
KS Industries, LP	Kern	\$ 498,960
Southern California Painting and Drywall Apprenticeship Training Trust	Statewide	\$ 234,350
<b><u>Sacramento Regional Office</u></b>		
America at Work, Inc.	Statewide	\$ 200,160
California Manufacturers & Technology Association	Sacramento, Alameda, Contra Costa	\$ 559,060
Electric Vehicles International, LLC	San Joaquin	\$ 494,000
Fillner Construction, Inc.	Placer	\$ 149,240
Terex Utilities, Inc.	San Bernardino, Sacramento, Stanislaus	\$ 158,400

