



## VETERANS

- Implemented as a pilot program in October 2008, the Veterans Training Program became a regular part of the Panel's program in 2010. The program assists veterans and members of the California National Guard in gaining the necessary skills to enter the workforce and improves their opportunities for advancement in high wage, secure jobs.
- Participants must be veterans who have served on active full-time duty in the Armed Forces, including the California National Guard, who were (a) honorably discharged, or (b) released from active duty because of a service-connected disability.
- Reservists who have served on active full-time duty, and who are still on reserve status, are also eligible to participate.
- Participants must be (1) new-hires who meet the standard eligibility criteria per UI Code Section 10201(c) – except for projects funded under SET, which are exempted from this requirement; or (2) retrainees who are hired in fulltime employment within the benchmark period set forth in the Retrainee/Job Creation Guidelines.
- If SET, Multiple Barriers to Employment, then participants will be deemed to have multiple barriers to employment if they were on active duty within the prior 24-month period. On a case-by-case basis, any eligible trainee may qualify under multiple barriers.
- Class/lab training will be reimbursed at \$22 per hour.
- In projects with Veteran Program trainees and non-veteran trainees, only the veteran's Job Number qualifies for 20% support costs.
- At least 50% of a trainee's training hours must consist of vocational skills training. The remaining hours may consist of literacy training, or other basic skills training necessary to transition into the civilian workforce as approved on a case-by-case basis.
- Full-time employment is required for a minimum of 30 hours per week during the consecutive 90-day employment retention period; or for occupations in which it is not customary for a worker to be employed 90 consecutive days with a single employer, retention may be 500 hours within 272 days with one or more participating employers.
- Advance payments of support costs may be provided for any MEC, in amounts of up to: \$5,000 for contracts approved at \$100,000 or less; or \$10,000 for contracts exceeding \$100,000. Advance payments are available for projects with at least one pilot Job Number

**For further information regarding this Pilot program, please contact [ETP's Economic Development Unit](#), or call 916-327-5258.**