



State of California

Employment Training Panel

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Employment Training Panel Awards \$16 million to Train more than 14,000 California Workers

SACRAMENTO – The California Labor and Workforce Development Agency's Employment Training Panel (ETP), at its July 28, 2006, meeting approved 27 contracts, totaling over \$16 million in job training funds to train 14,015 California workers.

The Panel awarded job training contracts to 15 manufacturing businesses located throughout California, including Western Digital Corporation, which received \$1,178,310 to train 1,586 workers; New United Motors Manufacturing, Inc. (NUMMI), the last automobile manufacturing plant in California, which received \$6,010,200 to train 2,735 employees; Eureka Fabrications, which received \$49,280 to train 40 employees; and MICE/Display Works, which received \$144,248 to train 146 workers.

Manufacturing is a vital industry for California since it creates high paying jobs and has a high multiplier effect, meaning that for each job created in manufacturing, additional jobs are created in the economy as a result. Over the last four years, however, California has lost thousands of manufacturing jobs. A recent study by a national manufacturing industry association found that a serious workforce shortage is threatening American manufacturers, and that only through extensive job training can companies remain globally competitive and grow.

According to the California Economic Strategy Panel, new manufacturing techniques, such as lean manufacturing and other process improvement methods, have increased the competitiveness of manufacturing in the state; however, these processes require extensive worker training. Because of the decline in manufacturing in California over the last several years, the Panel has made worker job training in the manufacturing industry a top priority, and is committed to investing training dollars that will not only help California manufacturers compete globally, but will also allow companies to increase production capabilities and expand their business operations.

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 \$950 million to train more than 650,000 workers in almost 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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EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PANEL
CONTRACTS APPROVED
July 28, 2006

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
New United Motors Manufacturing, Inc. (NUMMI)	Alameda	\$ 6,010,200
Hospira, Inc	Santa Clara/San Diego	\$ 685,440
Solectron, Inc.	Santa Clara/Alameda	\$ 1,485,000
T.C. Inspection, Inc.	Alameda	\$ 206,804
Integrated Management Systems Marketing.	Statewide	\$ 749,187
AAA Business Supplies	San Francisco	\$ 45,100
Frito-Lay, Inc.	Statewide	\$ 1,678,383
MICE/DisplayWorks	San Francisco/Orange	\$ 144,248
Textron Fastening Systems-Santa Ana	Santa Ana	\$ 64,800
Western Digital Corporation	Alameda/Orange/Santa Clara	\$ 1,178,310
San Diego Travel Group	San Diego	\$ 49,500
Combustion Associates, Inc.	Riverside	\$ 48,400
Arma Design, Inc.	San Diego	\$ 24,200
Enterprise Communications Solutions, Inc.	Orange	\$ 24,640
Pacific Coast Cabling, Inc.	Los Angeles/Orange	\$ 370,800
Xerox Corporation	Los Angeles	\$ 197,100
Automobile Club of Southern California	Los Angeles	\$ 790,020
Raytheon Company	Statewide	\$ 519,750
Lanier Worldwide, Inc.	Monterey/S.F./San Diego/Orange L.A./Santa Clara/Contra Costa	\$ 404,550
RWM Fiber Optics	Statewide	\$ 284,850
Sturdi-Quick Prefabricated Structures	Statewide	\$ 195,345
Advanced Roofing Solutions	Los Angeles	\$ 38,280
US Farm Systems	Tulare	\$ 211,200
Praxair	Statewide	\$ 643,968
IntelliQuote Insurance Services	El Dorado	\$ 29,920
Eureka Fabrications	San Joaquin	\$ 49,280
Stoesser Industries, dba Stoesser-Gordon Plastic	Sonoma	\$ 32,560

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