



State of California

Employment Training Panel

Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor

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Employment Training Panel Awards Over \$21.3 Million to Train 17,032 California Workers

SACRAMENTO – The California Labor and Workforce Development Agency’s (LWDA) Employment Training Panel (ETP) today, at its meeting in San Francisco, approved 56 contracts, totaling over \$21.3 million in job training funds. This money will provide training to 17,032 California workers for various high-wage occupations.

The Panel approved a contract for \$498,650 to the Kern Community College District, Bakersfield College, to administer a regional training program designed to promote full-time job retention in high-wage occupations, provide skills for transitioning to high performance workplaces, support priority industries in California and serve employers located in high unemployment areas of the state. The contract is a result of efforts to address the long-standing economic and social problems of California’s San Joaquin Valley, and will serve the region’s manufacturing companies as well as the logistics, goods movement, and construction industries.

Following a 2005 Brookings Institute report that ranked Fresno as having the worst concentration of poverty among all large cities in the United States, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed an Executive Order creating the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley -- a public-private partnership charged with improving the economic vitality of the San Joaquin Valley.

“The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley works with business leaders, local elected officials, public agencies and educational institutions in coordinating efforts to bring more jobs, better education and greater economic stability to the region,” said LWDA Secretary Victoria Bradshaw. “The nearly \$500,000 in training money to Bakersfield College helps further those efforts.”

In addition, the Partnership (through the region’s community colleges) is attempting to leverage incumbent employee training in order to reduce turnover and improve overall job stability in the region. Bakersfield College, the flagship of the regional college coalition, intends to enroll 432 workers in a training program that will serve to continue economic growth and help redress the severe socioeconomic problems in California’s San Joaquin Valley.

“The opportunity to work with the 14 community colleges in the Central Region to meet the workforce training needs of industry throughout the San Joaquin Valley is unique, and we applaud ETP for taking this bold step,” said Ed Knudson, Dean, Economic Workforce and Development at Bakersfield College. “Through this effort we will be able to bring skills training to companies that would not otherwise be able to afford it.”

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 over \$1 billion to train more than 660,000 workers in over 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
December 15, 2006

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
Adams Rite Manufacturing Co.	Los Angeles	\$ 387,828
Barksdale, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 174,420
Domino Plastics Manufacturing, Inc.	Kern	\$ 183,456
Korea Radio, Inc., dba Radio Korea, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 399,360
Phenomenex, Inc.	L.A., Amador	\$ 298,800
Marquez Brothers International, dba Marquez Brothers	Statewide	\$ 1,249,560
Reborne, Inc.	Los Angeles, Orange	\$ 94,424
East San Gabriel Regional Occupational Program and Training Center	L.A., Orange, Riverside Ventura, San Bernardino	\$ 299,420
El Camino Community College District Center for Applied Competitive Technologies	Statewide	\$ 1,561,650
American Security Guard	Statewide	\$ 255,658
California State University, Dominguez Hills Foundation	L.A., Orange, Riverside San Bernardino	\$ 400,534
Santa Clarita Community College District	Statewide	\$ 442,205
Communities in Schools of Southbay, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 217,050
A&V Engineering	Los Angeles	\$ 7,020
Barton Brands of California, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 19,440
Hawaii Pacific Apparel Group, Inc., dba Mimi and Maggie	Los Angeles	\$ 6,240
Internet Specialties West	Los Angeles	\$ 27,258
Robert Wall Enterprises, dba Sawing Services Company	Los Angeles	\$ 28,080
South Bay Inspection, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 49,500
Turn Around Communications	Los Angeles	\$ 48,906
Total Airport Services, Inc.	San Mateo	\$ 7,040
Ushio America, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 32,400
Altera Corporation	Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Diego	\$ 1,262,700
Applied Materials, Inc.	Statewide	\$ 1,983,200
Autodesk, Inc.	Statewide	\$ 606,816
Hyatt Hotels Corporation	Statewide	\$ 912,000
J.D. Engineering	Santa Clara	\$ 168,480
Northrop Grumman Corp. Marine Systems	Santa Clara	\$ 1,004,400
Nortel Networks Limited	Statewide	\$ 1,344,600
The Olivia Companies LLC	San Francisco	\$ 133,100

The Permanente Medical Group	Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin S.F., San Mateo, Sonoma Santa Clara, Solano	\$ 540,000
INTA Technologies	Santa Clara	\$ 49,920
A & D Engineering, Inc.	Santa Clara	\$ 35,910
Ross Engineering Corporation	Santa Clara	\$ 38,688
Certified Stainless Service, Inc.,	Stanislaus	\$ 405,000
Bank of America	Statewide	\$ 966,000
Bay Alarm Company	Alameda, Sacramento, Shasta San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Sonoma San Mateo, Ventura, Orange	\$ 126,510
Kern Community College District, Bakersfield College	Fresno, Madera, Kern, Merced Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Tulare	\$ 498,960
Sonoma County Junior College District, Santa Rosa Junior College	Lake, Napa, Sonoma	\$ 309,925
Redwood Regional Medical Group	Lake, Mendocino Napa, Sonoma	\$ 75,600
The Conrad Corporation dba Conquest Imaging	San Joaquin	\$ 47,520
Verdegaal Brothers, Inc.	Kings	\$ 10,560
Cypress Surgery Center	Tulare	\$ 77,000
Forged Metals, Inc.	San Bernardino	\$ 252,720
Schlosser Forge Company	San Bernardino	\$ 216,000
Jacuzzi Brands, Inc.	San Bernardino	\$ 864,000
Millipore, Inc.	Riverside	\$ 345,600
Riverside Healthcare Systems, LLC dba Riverside Community Hospital	Riverside	\$ 799,200
Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College Dist.	San Diego	\$ 169,910
J.R. & L., Inc., dba PowerTek Learning Center	Statewide	\$ 197,540
New Horizons Computer Learning Centers, Inc.	Orange, L.A., Riverside San Bernardino	\$ 487,650
Riverside County Economic Development Agency	Orange, Riverside San Bernardino, Santa Clara	\$ 294,040
Westech College	LA., Orange, San Diego, San Bernardino, Riverside	\$ 834,070
Advanced Electromagnetics, Inc.	San Diego	\$ 31,200
Keeley Aerospace, Ltd.	San Bernardino, Orange	\$ 15,600
Silicon Space	San Diego	\$ 27,040