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**Employment Training Panel Awards Over \$6M
To Train California Workers**

SACRAMENTO – The California Labor and Workforce Development Agency’s Employment Training Panel (ETP) awarded over \$6 million in job training funds at its meeting today to improve the skills of California workers, primarily in the healthcare and biotechnology sectors, including in green technology and renewable fuel manufacturing.

Of the 17 total projects approved by the Panel, 14 will receive funds for non-profit nursing skills training as part of ETP’s new program area, with more such contracts to be approved at a later date as part of this funding award.

“ETP recognizes its role in helping sustain California businesses and jobs during this challenging economy,” said ETP Executive Director Brian McMahon. “ETP approved the first group of projects under its new initiative to support nursing skills training in non-profit hospitals, many of which are located in rural areas with high unemployment, ensuring that people get the healthcare they need from the best qualified and experienced nurses.”

The remaining three projects approved by the Panel – Bayer Healthcare, Amyris Biotechnologies and Solyndra -- employ several thousand workers and are deemed “critical proposals” because of their importance to the state’s economy and job growth. ETP funds will assist these companies in expanding and retaining their operations in California.

As a major player in the biotechnology/life sciences industry, Bayer Healthcare LLC received training funds for its employees at its Berkeley and Richmond manufacturing and research facilities. Bay area-based Amyris Biotechnologies will use its ETP funds award to both retrain current employees and create new jobs as part of its plan to build a manufacturing facility to quickly transfer its research and technology for the renewable fuels and alternative energy industry. Also a critical proposal that provides both job creation and retraining opportunities, solar panel manufacturer Solyndra, Inc. is building a second manufacturing facility, which it says could produce 3,000 short-term construction jobs and employ 2,000 Californians once completed.

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 766,000 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 the proposals considered by the Panel at its most recent meeting, 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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**EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PANEL
CONTRACTS APPROVED
December 10, 2009**

<u>Contractor**</u>	<u>City/County</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
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CRITICAL PROPOSALS

Amyris Biotechnologies, Inc.	Alameda	\$319,200
Bayer Healthcare LLC	Alameda	\$497,040
Solyndra, Inc.	Alameda	\$494,000

By action of the Panel, the projects below will be reduced at a later date based on final determination of available funds. The amounts identified in the projects below do not reflect this adjustment.

NON-PROFIT NURSING PROPOSALS

San Francisco Bay Area Regional Office

Barton Healthcare System	El Dorado	\$495,720
Catholic Healthcare West dba Mercy Hospitals of Bakersfield	Kern	\$499,608
Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula	Monterey	\$499,950
Kaiser Foundation Hospitals – Northern	No. California	\$249,300
Lodi Memorial Hospital Association, Inc. dba Lodi Memorial Hospital	San Joaquin	\$499,356
Marshall Medical Center	El Dorado	\$89,676
North Central Counties Consortium WIB	Colusa, Glenn , Lake, Sutter & Yuba	\$49,680

San Diego Regional Office

Bakersfield Memorial Hospital	Kern	\$496,800
Central California Foundation dba Delano Regional Medical Center	Kern	\$421,200
Dameron Hospital Association	San Joaquin	\$489,600
Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, Inc. – Southern	So. California	\$249,696
Saddleback Memorial Health Services	Los Angeles, Orange	\$475,200
Sharp Healthcare	San Diego	\$494,064
Sutter Medical Center of Santa Rosa	Sonoma	\$498,600

****Contracts grouped by ETP Regional Office areas**