



*State of California*

## *Employment Training Panel*

*Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor*

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### **Employment Training Panel Awards Over \$2.5M To Train California Workers**

SACRAMENTO – The California Labor and Workforce Development Agency's Employment Training Panel (ETP) awarded over \$2.5 million in special job training funds at its meeting today to upgrade the skills of hundreds of California workers, primarily in the green/clean industry.

Of the projects approved by the Panel, five will receive funds for clean energy workforce training as part of ETP's Clean Energy Workforce Training Program, and in keeping with Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's goal to jump-start California's economy with jobs in the green/clean sector.

"The green/clean industry sector is a crucial component of California's economic recovery and job creation," said ETP Executive Director Brian McMahon. "As one of the State's primary economic development incentives to business, ETP is committed to California's economic rebound for jobs creation and sustainability via its training program."

The green/clean sector-related projects are representative of both organized labor and business, and are located throughout the state. Cumulatively, over 2,000 workers are proposed to be trained with ETP funds to encourage retention and expansion in California for the emerging green/clean sector.

One of the green/clean ETP award recipients includes the Apprentice & Journeymen Training Trust Fund of the Southern California Plumbing & Piping Industry, which received funds for several hundred incumbent workers to be trained in green processes and products, among other things. Bay area-based Chabot-Las Positas Community College District will use its ETP award to provide training curriculum to prepare trainees for green/clean industry-approved certification such as LEED or Building Performance Institute.

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 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.

To view copies of all proposals considered by the Panel at its March meeting, please visit the ETP website at [www.etp.ca.gov/packets.cfm](http://www.etp.ca.gov/packets.cfm). 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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By action of the Panel, the projects listed below may be reduced based on determination of available funds. The amounts below do not reflect this adjustment.

**North Hollywood Regional Office**

Apprentice & Journeymen Training Trust Fund of the Southern California Plumbing & Piping Industry	Los Angeles, Kern, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, San Bernardino, San Diego	\$582,290
Santa Monica Community College District	Los Angeles, San Diego, Ventura Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino	\$390,080

**San Francisco Bay Area Regional Office**

California Building Performance Contractors Association	Statewide	\$599,940
Chabot-Las Positas Community College District	Alameda	\$164,650
Efficiency First, Inc.	Statewide	\$405,140
Northern California Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council	Northern CA Counties	\$285,400