



State of California

Employment Training Panel

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Employment Training Panel Approves Over \$4M to Train California Workers And Support Job Creation Efforts

SACRAMENTO – The State of California’s Employment Training Panel approved 20 contracts worth over \$4M in job training funds at its regularly held public meeting today. Proposals approved included small business and smaller scale projects under \$100,000 each. Training proposals included both single employer contracts as well as multiple employer contracts and were representative of various industry sectors throughout the state.

In an effort to support job creation and retention through training, proposals approved today will support worker training in industries most vital to California’s economic growth, such as information technology services, construction trades, healthcare, agriculture, aerospace and defense, and manufacturing.

Within the manufacturing category, the Panel approved a training proposal for USS-POSCO Industries (UPI), a joint venture between United States Steel and POSCO of South Korea. Headquartered in Pittsburg, California, UPI is a manufacturer and supplier of steel products, shipping high quality steel to more than 150 customers throughout North America every year. Recent upgrades to equipment and process, along with implementation of new systems and software, have allowed UPI to enter new markets, and as a result, UPI has recognized opportunities for additional workforce training.

With nearly 800 hourly and salaried employees UPI is one of the largest employers in the area. Approved for \$436,600 in Employment Training Funds, UPI has committed to train a total of 590 employees, including 40 newly-hired employees. The training proposal approved today will assist UPI in developing employee skills sets, ultimately resulting in increased sales, revenues, and equipment utilization while maintaining the delivery of high quality products in a safe and efficient manner.

“To meet the needs of our customers, our processes require state of the art equipment operated and maintained by a highly skilled workforce,” said George Kunst, General Manager of Employee Relations at UPI. “So we must provide a learning environment that fosters continuous development of our employee’s skills. ETP training funds will assist UPI in providing high-level, effective training programs designed to promote ongoing improvement to the quality, service, productivity and competitiveness of our business and its products.”

ETP is a business and labor supported state agency that assists employers in strengthening their competitive edge in the economy by providing funds to partially off-set the costs of necessary job skills training. California’s ETP is a performance-based program, providing funds for trainees who successfully complete training and are retained in good-paying jobs at or above a required wage base, for at least 90 days.

The program, funded by the Employment Training Tax paid by California employers, helps businesses threatened by out-of-state and international competition. The Panel also serves employers under its Special Employment Training Program, funding projects designed to improve skills and employment security of frontline workers in projects that do not meet standard employer/trainee eligibility requirements. Since its inception in 1983, the ETP program has provided approximately \$1.25 billion to train over 800,000 workers for more than 78,000 California companies. Employers match training funds awarded by ETP, making these projects true public-private partnerships. For more information about the program, please visit www.etp.ca.gov, or call 916-327-5368.

PROJECTS APPROVED
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REVIEW AND ACTION ON PROPOSALS

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>City/County</u>	<u>Contract Amt</u>
<u>North Hollywood Regional Office</u>		
Alpine Corporation	Los Angeles	\$40,248
El Camino Community College District, Center for Applied Competitive Technologies (CACT)(AB118)	Statewide	\$375,000
Southern California Permanente Medical Group	Southern California	\$600,000
TouchCommerce, Inc.	Los Angeles & San Diego	\$197,928
Zobrist Consulting Group, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$49,920
<u>San Diego Regional Office</u>		
C Enterprises, L.P.	San Diego	\$15,028
Chaffey Community College District (Amendment)	Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside & San Bernardino	(-\$112)
Jameson Management, Inc. DBA Priority Door Systems	San Diego	\$6,760
McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.	Orange, Placer, San Diego & San Francisco	\$143,280
Riverside County Economic Development Agency	Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside & San Bernardino	\$76,401
Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce	Statewide	\$1,249,948
<u>San Francisco Bay Area Regional Office</u>		
Associated Builders and Contractors Northern California Chapter Training Trust Fund	Alameda, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Fresno, Kern, Marin, Mendocino, Merced,	\$299,880

Monterey, Napa, Placer,
Sacramento, San Francisco,
San Joaquin, San Mateo,
Santa Clara, Santa Cruz,
Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus,
Tuolumne & Yolo

Benda Tool & Model Works, Inc.	Contra Costa	\$49,348
Owens Design, Inc.	Alameda	\$97,760
PerkinElmer Holdings, Inc.	Santa Clara	\$99,144
Plastikon Industries, Inc.	Alameda	\$146,880
TenCate Advanced Composites USA, Inc.	Santa Clara & Solano	\$99,000
<u>Sacramento Regional Office</u>		
Booth Ranches LLC	Fresno	\$52,290
Immuno Concepts N.A., L.P.	Sacramento	\$15,600
Platinum Engineering Solution Inc.	Madera	\$8,320
USS-POSCO Industries	Contra Costa	\$436,600