



State of California  
**Employment Training Panel**

*Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor*

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**Employment Training Panel Approves More Than \$8.3 Million  
In Job Training Funds for Nearly 10,350 Workers**

*Wonderful Citrus Packing, LLC Receives Contract to Train 256 Employees, Including 20 Veterans*

SACRAMENTO – The State of California’s Employment Training Panel today approved 28 contracts worth more than \$8.3 million to train 10,339 workers. One of the contracts approved by the Panel includes \$658,264 to train 256 employees, including 20 veterans at Wonderful Citrus Packing in Delano.

"California employers recognize the talent and experience our veterans bring to the workforce," said Stewart Knox, the Employment Training Panel's Executive Director. "The Employment Training Panel's veterans program provides veterans with the skills needed to enter the workforce and improves opportunities for advancement in high wage, secure jobs."

Since its inception in 2008 as a pilot program, more than 1,000 veterans have received workforce training through the panel's veterans program.

Established in 1950, Wonderful Citrus Packing, LLC maintains more than 47,000 acres of citrus orchards. As the largest producer of fresh citrus in the United States, the company annually processes packs and ships 600 million pounds of fruit to retailers across the country.

Since 2013, Wonderful Citrus has doubled its workforce from 1,000 to 2,000 employees and increased fruit production from 450 million to 600 million pounds.

"We deeply appreciate the support the Employment Training Panel has provided to Wonderful Citrus," said Pete McKenzie, Senior Director of Halos Operations. "These training funds enable the company to train our workforce in essential skills needed to operate an efficient packinghouse. Our trainings will focus on continuous improvement, building bench strength capabilities for our line staff and much more."

With the funds approved today, Wonderful Citrus will train current workers in manufacturing processing and computer skills that will assist the company in providing high quality products at lower costs, enhancing reliability in shipping, managing inventory and increasing production. The training will take place at the company's Delano facility, located in a High Unemployment Area.

The Employment Training Panel is the state's premier program supporting job creation and retention through training. Since its creation in 1982, the panel reimburses employers for the costs of training existing workers, funds training for unemployed workers to re-enter the workforce and helps to ensure California businesses have the skilled workers they need to remain competitive.

For more information about the program, please visit [www.etp.ca.gov](http://www.etp.ca.gov), or call 916-327-5276

PROJECTS APPROVED  
February 26, 2015

**REVIEW AND ACTION ON PROPOSALS**

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>City/County</u>	<u>Contract Amt</u>
<b><u>North Hollywood Regional Office</u></b>		
American Financial Network, Inc.	Statewide	\$201,075
Los Robles Regional Medical Center	Los Angeles & Ventura	\$746,974
P2S Engineering, Inc.	Los Angeles & San Diego	\$105,960
The Technical School Inc. DBA Technical College	Los Angeles	\$116,175
US Foodservice, Inc.	Los Angeles, Riverside & San Diego	\$351,300
Virgin Galactic, LLC	Kern & Los Angeles	\$247,200
Wonderful Citrus Packing LLC	Kern	\$658,264
<b><u>San Diego Regional Office</u></b>		
H. M. Electronics, Inc.	Alameda & San Diego	\$352,400
Los Alamitos Medical Center, Inc. DBA Los Alamitos Medical Center	Orange	\$149,760
Service Champions, Inc.	Los Angeles & Orange	\$379,440
The Management Association, Inc. DBA The Management Trust	Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Placer, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara & Ventura	\$201,600
<b><u>San Francisco Bay Area Regional Office</u></b>		
JSR Micro, Inc.	Santa Clara	\$118,404
TTM Technologies, Inc.	Orange, San Diego & Santa Clara	\$428,400

**Sacramento Regional Office**

California Manufacturers and Technology Association	Statewide	\$1,199,812
Covenant Care California, LLC	Fresno, Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus, Ventura & Yolo	\$749,900
E. & J. Gallo Winery, A Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of Dry Creek Corporation	Fresno, Merced, Monterey, Napa, San Luis Obispo, Sonoma & Stanislaus	\$740,000
Esurance Insurance Services, Inc.	Placer & San Francisco	\$204,620
SAFE Credit Union	Contra Costa, Placer, Sacramento & Yolo	\$749,610

**Proposals Approved By Delegation Order**  
1/13/16- 2/16/16

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>City/County</u>	<u>Contract Amt</u>
<b><u>North Hollywood Regional Office</u></b>		
Armstrong Garden Centers, Inc.	Alameda, Los Angeles, Marin, Orange, Riverside, San Diego & Ventura	\$98,234
Cal Net Enterprises, LLC DBA Cal Net Technology Group	Los Angeles & Orange	\$87,600
Four Star Meat Co., Inc.	Los Angeles	\$43,680
Hydro Tek Systems, Inc.	San Bernardino	\$28,080
Menasha Packaging Company, LLC	Los Angeles	\$72,000
<b><u>San Diego Regional Office</u></b>		
Cummins Pacific, LLC	Alameda, Fresno, Humboldt, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, San Diego, Shasta, Ventura & Yolo	\$99,000
Marvin Test Solutions, Inc.	Orange	\$12,240

**San Francisco Bay Area Regional Office**

MVinx Corporation	Santa Clara	\$22,880
Rolls-Royce Engine Services-Oakland, Inc.	Alameda	\$99,706

**Sacramento Regional Office**

Sycamore Healthcare Associates DBA Legacy Nursing and Rehabilitation	Contra Costa	\$51,272
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