



State of California  
*Employment Training Panel*

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**Employment Training Panel Approves Over \$11.8 Million  
in Job Training Funds for Over 12,500 Workers**  
*Duarte Nursery Inc. Receives Contract to Train 400 Employees*

SACRAMENTO – The State of California’s Employment Training Panel today approved 70 contracts worth over \$11.8 million to train over 12,500 workers. One of the contracts approved by the Panel includes \$333,000 to train 400 employees at Duarte Nursery Inc.

“Family owned and operated businesses play an important role in California’s economy,” said Stewart Knox, the Employment Training Panel’s Executive Director. “The training projects approved today help companies like Duarte Nursery meet their need for skilled workers, stay competitive within their industries, and offer enhanced job opportunities for their employees.”

Founded in 1988 and located in Hughson, California, Duarte Nursery is a family-owned and operated commercial grower that produces avocado, almond, cherry, pistachio, citrus, and walnut trees, grapevines, and poinsettias. Duarte Nursery is the largest permanent crops nursery in the United States, and sells its products to local farmers, commercial growers, nursery retail stores, and home growers.

Duarte Nursery also owns Dry Creek Laboratories, an on-site laboratory for research on plant improvement and variety development for the nursery. The laboratory’s focuses include rapid vine establishment and fruit production, variations in growing conditions, evaluation of clones, and the propagation of rootstock. Duarte specializes in fully containerized growing, which limits each plant’s exposure to toxins and parasites, and allows all plants to be available for delivery at any time of year.

“Our participation with ETP couldn’t come at a better time. Our company is growing fast and we owe it to our employees to give them the best chance to succeed in the workplace,” said Jeff Duarte, Operations Manager at Duarte Nursery. “ETP is allowing us to provide training resources that make that happen. We can’t wait to get started.”

Over the past three years, Duarte Nursery has grown by 15 percent, which the company attributes to increased demand from the international exporting of its products. The training provided through the contract approved today will help Duarte Nursery meet this increased demand while improving efficiency, inventory and shipping processes, increasing customer satisfaction, and reducing waste. Under the proposal approved today, Duarte will train 300 incumbent workers and 100 seasonal workers at their single facility located within a designated 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 916-327-5267.

PROJECTS APPROVED  
January 22, 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>		
Alliant Techsystems Operations LLC	Kern & Los Angeles	\$212,340
Beachbody, LLC	Los Angeles	\$243,450
Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Local #4 California Joint Apprenticeship Committee	Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Mono, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Tulare & Ventura	\$99,114
Coca-Cola Refreshments USA, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$361,530
DreamWorks Animation SKG, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$394,695
Golden State Foods Corp.	Los Angeles	\$426,352
Lollicup USA Inc.	San Bernardino	\$248,664
PRL Glass Systems (Amendment)	Los Angeles	\$55,080
Ready Pac Produce, Inc. DBA Ready Pac Foods, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$178,848
SkillServe, Inc.	Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino & Ventura	\$295,488
Sturgeon Services International, Inc.	Fresno, Kern, Monterey, San Luis Obispo & Ventura	\$404,984
The Anthem Companies, Inc.	Los Angeles, Orange, Sacramento, San Diego & Ventura	\$495,000
Westech College	Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside & San Bernardino	\$948,697
Wonderful Pistachios & Almonds, LLC (Amendment)	Fresno & Kern	\$214,200
<b><u>San Diego Regional Office</u></b>		
Architects Orange	Orange	\$212,760

Comprehensive Training Systems Incorporated	San Diego	\$250,243
Edwards Lifesciences LLC	Orange	\$472,000
GreatCall, Inc.	San Diego	\$261,000
James R. Glidewell, Dental Ceramics, Inc. (Amendment)	Orange, Riverside & San Diego	\$252,000
KML Enterprises, Inc. DBA New Horizons Computer Learning Centers of Southern California	Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego & Ventura	\$325,860
South Orange County Regional Chambers of Commerce, Inc.	Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego & Ventura	WITHDRAWN
Tenet Healthsystem Medical, Inc.	Statewide	\$599,760
<b><u>San Francisco Bay Area Regional Office</u></b>		
Northern California Surveyors Joint Apprenticeship Committee	Northern California	\$186,104
Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union No. 104 and Bay Area Industry Apprentice and Journeyman Training Fund	Northern California	\$949,932
<b><u>Sacramento Regional Office</u></b>		
Certified Stainless Service, Inc. DBA West-Mark	Kern, Merced & Stanislaus	\$340,560
Duarte Nursery Inc.	Stanislaus	\$333,000
E. & J. Gallo Winery, A Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of Dry Creek Corporation	Fresno, Merced, Monterey, Napa, San Luis Obispo, Sonoma & Stanislaus	WITHDRAWN
Foster Poultry Farms	Fresno, Los Angeles & Merced	\$249,840
Gallina LLP	Contra Costa, Marin, Orange, Placer, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Mateo & Santa Clara	\$173,190
Sacramento Area Electrical Workers Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee	Northern California	\$738,155
Western Electrical Contractors Association Inc. (Amendment)	Statewide	\$73,392

**Proposals Approved By Delegation Order**  
For 11/19/15 – 01/12/16

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>City/County</u>	<u>Contract Amt</u>
<b><u>North Hollywood Regional Office</u></b>		
C & H Machine, Inc.	San Diego	\$61,152
California Quality Plastics, Inc.	San Bernardino	\$39,520
Calpipe Industries, Inc.	Los Angeles & Ventura	\$99,900
Charles E. Thomas Company, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$29,120
Dennis Silletto & Associates DBA Glendora Chrysler Jeep Dodge	Los Angeles	\$49,786
Detoronics Corp.	Los Angeles	\$23,660
Evolution Fresh, Inc.	San Bernardino	\$52,064
Green Commuter, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$11,440
Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc.	Statewide	\$82,080
Merex Aircraft Company, Incorporated DBA Kellstrom Defense, A Merex Group Company	Ventura	\$41,340
Metro R.F. Services, Inc.	San Bernardino	\$49,920
Temple Park Convalescent Hospital, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$98,172
Tropicana Manufacturing Company, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$67,390
Ultimate Formulations, Inc. DBA Best Formulations	Los Angeles	\$93,600
Vital Research, LLC	Los Angeles	\$11,616
<b><u>San Diego Regional Office</u></b>		
B/E Aerospace, Inc. DBA Teklam	Riverside	\$81,120
Chopra Enterprises, LLC DBA The Chopra Center	San Diego	\$49,764
Chrome Collision, Inc. DBA Fix Auto Poway	San Diego	\$35,046
Dempsey Construction Inc.	San Diego	\$20,280
Hero Nutritionals, LLC	Orange	\$21,580
Inspec Testing, Inc.	San Diego	\$40,768
Prime Tech Cabinets, Inc.	Orange	\$74,400
Renovo Solutions, LLC	Orange	\$99,220

Southwest Materials Handling, Inc.	Orange & Riverside	\$72,000
Sparton Irvine, LLC	Orange	\$24,120
Tucker Autobody & Towing, Inc.	Imperial	\$28,600
White Labs, Inc.	San Diego & Yolo	\$19,136
<b><u>San Francisco Bay Area Regional Office</u></b>		
Lam Research Corporation	Alameda & Santa Clara	\$48,816
Watsonville Auto Body, Inc.	Monterey & Santa Cruz	\$42,900
XYZ Graphics Inc	Los Angeles & San Francisco	\$34,944
<b><u>Sacramento Regional Office</u></b>		
Agate Group, Corp.	Placer	\$40,560
Cichon Accurate Auto Body, Inc. DBA Accurate Auto Body	Contra Costa	\$18,392
EIII California, Inc. DBA E3 California	Los Angeles & Sacramento	\$23,400
Four Wheel Campers, Inc.	Yolo	\$63,804
KRC Safety Co., Inc.	Los Angeles & Tulare	\$54,510
Maricopa Orchards, LLC	Fresno & Kern	\$36,660
Owen & Company DBA Owen-Dunn Insurance Services	Sacramento	\$33,440
RuffStuff, Inc.	Placer	\$50,128
Stanford Medical Billing Services, Inc.	Fresno	\$7,700
Top of the Third, Inc.	Tulare	\$10,780
Zinc Financial Inc.	Fresno	\$22,770