



State of California
Employment Training Panel

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Employment Training Panel Funds New “Green Janitor” Education Program

SACRAMENTO – The State of California’s Employment Training Panel today approved a contract for \$336,700 to support the Green Janitor Education Program in Los Angeles. The new program will provide training and certification to 350 workers in energy efficiency, recycling, waste management, water conservation, and other sustainable and green cleaning practices that enable buildings to meet green performance standards.

“These training funds will help workers to grow their skills and their opportunities for advancement, which in turn will help businesses connect to a more sustainable and energy efficient economy,” said Stewart Knox, the Employment Training Panel’s Executive Director.

The Green Janitor Education Program will be administered by Building Skills Partnership, a statewide non-profit collaboration of Service Employees International Union-United Service Workers West, building service employers, and community leaders, whose mission is to improve the quality of life for low-wage building service workers, their families, and communities by increasing worker skills and providing educational opportunities that lead to career advancement.

In the proposal approved by the Employment Training Panel today, Building Skills Partnership will provide its ADVANCE Workplace Training – an intensive, six-month program that blends Vocational English as a Second Language curriculum with job skills instruction – and the Green Janitor Education Program, which provides Spanish-language curriculum designed with the U.S. Green Building Council-Los Angeles to improve the skills of workers to follow and maintain green building initiatives, such as recycling programs, automated lighting, water control, and cleaning chemicals and tools. To ensure high attendance and trainee success, classes will be held at more than 30 corporate worksites on paid time.

The funds approved today will help expand the pilot program, which involved eight LEED-certified buildings across Los Angeles, with 126 janitors earning certification. The program was collaboratively designed and piloted by Building Skills Partnership, the U.S. Green Building Council-Los Angeles, the Building Owners and Managers Association of Greater Los Angeles, industry experts, building owners and Service Employees International Union-United Service Workers West.

“Janitors are the eyes and ears of what happens in a building. The work they do every night impacts a building’s ability to save energy, conserve water, divert waste and improve indoor air quality. It is important to invest in their education and skills to promote the best practices of a sustainable cleaning system,” said Aida Barragan, Building Skills Partnership’s Executive Director. “We are proud to partner with USGBC-LA, SEIU-USWW, building owners and janitorial contractors to train and certify janitors

under the Green Janitor Education Program. By investing in this primarily immigrant workforce we are integrating them in the workplace community and creating confidence and skill for career pathways.”

The Employment Training Panel is the state’s premier program supporting job creation and retention through training. Since its inception in 1983, the ETP program has provided approximately \$1.25 billion to train more than 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
March 27, 2015

REVIEW AND ACTION ON PROPOSALS

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>City/County</u>	<u>Contract Amt</u>
<u>North Hollywood Regional Office</u>		
Building Skills Partnership	Statewide	\$336,700
Southern California Sheet Metal Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee	Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside & San Bernardino	\$448,448
Technology Council of Southern California	Statewide	\$649,865
Tech Serve Alliance – So Cal Chapter, Inc.	Statewide	\$649,865
<u>San Diego Regional Office</u>		
Broker Solutions, Inc. DBA New American Funding	Multiple	\$310,250
<u>San Francisco Bay Area Regional Office</u>		
Chaya Centers, Inc. DBA Greenridge Senior Care	Alameda & Contra Costa	\$115,068
Cobham Advanced Electronic Solutions Inc.	Santa Clara	\$199,110
Shields Nursing Centers, Inc.	Contra Costa	\$284,616
<u>Sacramento Regional Office</u>		
Feather River College	Butte, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou &	\$106,398

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Feather River College (RESPOND)	Butte, Lassen, Modoc, Siskiyou & Tehama	\$117,520
J.J.R. Enterprises Inc. DBA Caltronics Business Systems	Alameda, Fresno, Los Angeles, Placer, Sacramento, Santa Clara & Sonoma	\$303,530
Nichols Farms	Kings	\$423,000
Rich Products Corporation	Fresno	\$108,200
UFCW Northern California Meat Apprenticeship Trust Fund	Northern California	\$125,100

Proposals Approved By Delegation Order
For 2/11/15 – 3/17/15

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>City/County</u>	<u>Contract Amt</u>
<u>North Hollywood Regional Office</u>		
BriteWorks, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$29,172
Compass Health, Inc.	San Luis Obispo & Santa Barbara	\$39,600
Little John's Bodyworks DBA Fix Auto Downey	Los Angeles	\$18,634
<u>San Diego Regional Office</u>		
Jaridly Corporation DBA The Original Mr. Cabinet	Orange	\$49,920
Phoenix Energy Technologies, Inc. (Amendment)	Orange	\$16,380
San Diego Collision Centers Inc. DBA Fix Auto Miramar	Riverside	\$22,990
<u>San Francisco Bay Area Regional Office</u>		
AdvancedCath Technologies, LLC	Santa Clara	\$35,100
Bay Cities Paving & Grading, Inc.	Contra Costa	\$22,680
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	Alameda	\$24,192

Noron Precision Machining, Inc.	Santa Clara	\$7,020
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Sacramento Regional Office

Air Conditioning Trade Association	Contra Costa, Fresno, Kings, Sacramento, & Shasta	\$28,360
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Lumens DBA Lumens Light & Lighting	Sacramento	\$49,896
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Natomas Auto Body & Paint, Inc.	Sacramento & Sutter	\$40,920
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NFCC, Inc. DBA North Fresno Collision Center	Fresno	\$42,042
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SnowTech, Inc.	Nevada	\$9,100
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