



STATE OF CALIFORNIA Employment Training Panel



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Employment Training Panel Approves \$15 million to Train 12,000 employees *Students with Disabilities Receive Summer Work Experience and Job Training*

SACRAMENTO – The State of California’s Employment Training Panel announced that it approved 43 contracts worth more than \$15 million in job training funds for 12,000 workers. The California Department of Rehabilitation partnered with the Employment Training Panel in 2018 to provide paid work experience and pre-vocational opportunities to students with disabilities through the Summer Training and Employment Program for Students (STEPS). In its first year, six grants totaling \$1.5 million were awarded to provide 332 students with job readiness skills.

Eligible disabled students aged sixteen to twenty-one, who are enrolled in school, receive 40 pre-vocational and workforce training such as interview and communication skills, personal and career goal setting, and paid work readiness. Workforce agencies such as gyms, restaurants, non-profit organizations, school districts, childcare facilities, and others then offer up to 230 hours of paid work experience.

“We are pleased to provide funds to assist individuals with disabilities to reach their full potential,” said Employment Training Panel Assistant Executive Director Peter Cooper. “These funds will allow students to gain experience through on-the-job training that can lead to long-term careers.”

With an overwhelming success in participation, The California Community College Chancellor’s Office became an additional partner, and in its second year the STEPS grant increased from \$1.5 million to \$3.15 million in 2019. With added resources, the program was able to solicit additional proposals and provide funds to three additional awardees within its grant. This allowed the program to connect with 275 more students than the previous year, deliver over 11,000 hours of additional training, and over 63,000 more hours of work experience.

“In one way, being involved in this program is fantastic,” said Aneesa Hayden, one of the students enrolled in the STEPS program. “I can’t wait to go back to work in a couple of weeks and work in the kids club at Lord’s Gym.”

“With a vision of encompassing a California for all, fostering a more inclusive work place by extending equal employment opportunities for everyone is essential,” said Mark Erlichman, Deputy Director of the Department of Rehabilitation’s Employment Division. “Providing these resources and opportunities allows students with disabilities to overcome barriers to success and opens doors to a lifetime of employment, equality and independence.”

For more information about the program, please visit www.etp.ca.gov, or call (916) 327-5578.

Listed below are the projects approved at the panel's December 13th meeting.

More details about each project can be found in the [full panel packet](#).

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The Employment Training Panel provides financial assistance to California businesses to support customized worker training that attract and retain businesses that contribute to a healthy California economy.

PROJECTS APPROVED
 December 13, 2019
REVIEW AND ACTION ON PROPOSALS

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>City/County</u>	<u>Contract Amt.</u>
<u>North Hollywood Regional Office</u>		
ASC Process Systems	Los Angeles	\$94,714
Avcorp Composite Fabrication Inc.	Los Angeles	\$176,088
Califia Farms	Los Angeles, Kern	\$365,056
EastWestProto, Inc. dba Lifeline Ambulance	Los Angeles, Orange	\$397,578
Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation	Los Angeles, Kern, Santa Barbara, San Diego	\$642,620
Santa Monica Community College District	Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Ventura	\$749,906
South Bay Workforce Investment Board, Inc.	Statewide	\$396,888
Studio Arts, LTD.	Statewide	\$749,418
The Cheesecake Factory Bakery, Incorporated	Los Angeles	\$165,600
<u>San Diego Regional Office</u>		
American Education Systems Corp. dba American College of Healthcare & Technology	San Mateo, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, San Bernardino	\$742,920
Associated General Contractors San Diego Chapter, Inc., Apprenticeship Training Trust Fund	San Diego, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Imperial	\$297,528
Chaffey Community College District	Statewide	\$749,994
Cobham Advanced Electronic Solutions Inc.	San Diego, Santa Clara	\$197,225
InnovaSystems International, LLC	San Diego	\$124,246
Mavenlink, Inc.	Orange, San Francisco	\$195,550
Modern Times Drinks, Inc.	San Diego, Orange, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara	\$96,554
Sky Rider Equipment Company, Inc.	Orange, Los Angeles, San Francisco	\$110,400
Taylor-Listug, Inc dba Taylor Guitars	San Diego	\$605,360
<u>San Francisco Bay Area Regional Office</u>		
Cepheid	San Joaquin, Santa Clara	\$506,000
Eichleay, Inc.	Contra Costa, Orange	\$117,737
FM Industries, Inc.	Alameda	\$362,250

JobTrain, Inc.	San Francisco, Marin, Santa Clara, Contra Costa, Alameda, San Mateo	\$381,250
KLA Corporation	Santa Clara	\$546,250
Mass Precision, Inc.	Alameda, Santa Clara	\$263,856
Penumbra, Inc.	Alameda, Placer	\$473,340

Sacramento Regional Office

Ardagh Glass Inc.	Madera	\$243,156
College of the Sequoias	Kings, Tulare	\$271,477
E. & J. Gallo Winery	Napa, Sonoma, San Luis Obispo, Stanislaus, Merced, Fresno, Monterey	\$649,980
Foster Poultry Farms	Merced	\$553,150
La Tortilla Factory, Inc.	Stanislaus, Los Angeles, Sonoma, Alameda, Yolo	\$393,760
Meriliz Incorporated dba DOME Printing	Sacramento	\$163,300
Pacific Coast Producers	San Joaquin, Butte, Yolo	\$192,556
Truck Accessories Group, LLC	Yolo	\$252,080
Universal Forest Products, Inc. UFP Thornton, LLC	San Joaquin	\$161,000

Central Office - Program Projects Unit

Associated Builders and Contractors Los Angeles/Ventura Merit Training Trust Fund	Los Angeles, Ventura	\$247,600
Associated Builders and Contractors of Southern California, Inc. Merit Training Trust Fund	Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura	\$745,330
California Labor Federation	Statewide	\$375,242
Local Union 250 of the Southern California Pipe Trades District Council No. 16 of the United Association	Los Angeles	\$375,310
Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors of California	Statewide	\$198,047
Professionals in Human Resources Association	Statewide	\$747,500
Valley Roofers Joint Apprenticeship Training Trust Fund	Northern California	\$81,403

Proposals Approved By Delegation Order

For 10/22/19 – 12/2/19

≤ \$75,000

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>City/County</u>	<u>Contract Amt.</u>
<u>North Hollywood Regional Office</u>		
Adelaida Cellars, Inc.	San Luis Obispo	\$59,570
Arktura LLC	Los Angeles	\$74,520
<u>San Diego Regional Office</u>		
3-D Engineering Corp.	Riverside	\$27,945
Qmerit, Inc.	Orange	\$41,561
<u>Sacramento Regional Office</u>		
Mizkan America, Inc.	San Joaquin	\$72,956