



STATE OF CALIFORNIA Employment Training Panel



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Employment Training Panel Provides Training Funds to Sectors Critical During COVID-19 Pandemic

SACRAMENTO – The State of California’s Employment Training Panel announced that it approved 13 contracts worth over \$3 million in job training funds for 3,800 workers. Panel members approved companies contributing to the COVID-19 recovery effort, including The Shirley Ware Education Center and Apeel Technology dba Apeel Sciences. Together, these business will receive contracts worth over \$773,262 to supply their employees with critical job skills.

“Healthcare and food supply chain facilities play an integral role in weathering the pandemic,” said Peter Cooper, Employment Training Panel Assistant Executive Director. “Our panel is doing everything in its power to assist those California businesses and their workers during this national crisis.”

The Shirley Ware Education Center, which received a contract for \$173,790, provides education and training opportunities to community members and healthcare workers that enable sustainable employment in this critical, high-demand growth industry. The Center is jointly governed by labor and employee representatives, working closely with it’s sister agency, the SEIU United Healthcare Workers West & Joint Employer Education Fund, and several employers throughout California.

Trainees under this contract will benefit from skills such as diagnostic, intensive-care, and interventional procedures, digital skills development, and advanced imagining and surgical techniques. Upon completion, trainees will be placed in entry-level healthcare occupations. Trainees will also have an opportunity to receive certifications to become vision service associates, interventional radiologic, computed tomography, and magnetic resonance imaging technologists.

With COVID-19 placing great strain on the healthcare system, Employment Training Panel funded training will provide the skills needed for career ladders, and advancements while assisting California with economic opportunities.

Apeel Sciences, which received a contract for \$599,472, was designated as a Critical Proposal recommended by the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz). Apeel has seen a surge in its technology and product offerings since there has been a significant demand in the food supply chain during the COVID-19 pandemic. Apeel

provides plant-derived technology that extends the shelf life of produce, promotes more sustainable growing practices, better quality food, and less food waste.

To keep up with community need, Apeel is expanding its business capacity by hiring 516 newly-created positions. Workers will be given a wide range of strategic commercial, business, safety, and software skills to help learn and produce quality product. Training will also allow the company to maintain research and development of this cutting-edge technology as the company continues to grow.

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 July 24th, 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 which contribute to a healthy California economy.

PROJECTS APPROVED
 July 24, 2020
REVIEW AND ACTION ON PROPOSALS

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>City/County</u>	<u>Contract Amt.</u>
<u>North Hollywood Regional Office</u>		
Apeel Technology, Inc. dba Apeel Sciences	Santa Barbara	\$599,472
Doty Bros. Equipment Co.	Los Angeles, Kern	\$358,800
ELADH, L.P.	Los Angeles	\$331,200
Tidwell Excavation Acquisition Co. Inc.	Ventura	\$138,000
<u>San Diego Regional Office</u>		
Fullerton Chamber of Commerce dba	Los Angeles, Orange, Kern Alameda, San	
North Orange County Chamber	Diego, Santa Clara	\$199,245
La Valle Sabbia, Inc.	Imperial	\$162,150
Optum Services, Inc.	Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, San Diego	\$416,576
<u>San Francisco Bay Area Regional Office</u>		
JobTrain, Inc.	Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara	\$198,000
<u>Sacramento Regional Office</u>		
Con J. Franke Electric, Inc.	San Joaquin	\$75,900
La Tapatia Tortilleria, Inc.	Fresno, Sacramento	\$114,954
Niagra Bottling, LLC	Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Joaquin	\$276,000
<u>Central Office - Program Projects Unit</u>		
Ly Brothers Corporation dba Sugar Bowl Bakery	Alameda	\$330,740
Shirley Ware Education Center	Statewide	\$173,790

Proposals Approved By Delegation Order

For 6/16 – 7/13/20

≤ \$75,000

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>City/County</u>	<u>Contract Amt.</u>
<u>North Hollywood Regional Office</u>		
Alta Environmental, L.P.	Los Angeles, San Diego	\$51,750
<u>San Diego Regional Office</u>		
NB Baker Electric Inc. dba Baker Home Energy	San Diego	\$55,200
<u>San Francisco Bay Area Regional Office</u>		
Aleia Corp. dba Surplus Service	Alameda	\$19,320
Commercial Casework Incorporated	Alameda	\$29,394