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**Employment Training Panel announces \$10 million in available funding to expand workforce literacy training in California**

SACRAMENTO – The Employment Training Panel (ETP) today announced the launch of its Workforce Literacy Pilot Program (WLPP), which will make available up to \$10 million in funding for applicants to create or expand workforce literacy training in English, math and digital skills, as well as workforce preparation activities, and technical skills for immigrants, refugees, and other English Language Learners. WLPP is prioritizing training that includes complementary occupation--specific contextualized literacy along with technical skills training leading to industry-recognized credentials or certifications.

The ETP announced two information sessions scheduled for [Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.](#) and [Tuesday, February 21, 2023, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.](#) These sessions are intended for interested parties and potential applicants for WLPP. Sessions will outline eligibility criteria, the application process, and the contract development process.

You can find a link for these sessions and the WLPP here:

<https://etp.ca.gov/fundingopportunities/literacyprogram/?emrc=63e67dfc69f28>

Under the [WLPP guidelines](#), the eligible contractors include private for-profit, nonprofit, and municipal employers in industry sectors such as retail, agriculture, hospitality, manufacturing, janitorial, shipping, childcare, healthcare, warehousing, and food production. Eligible trainees can be employed, unemployed, or seasonal workers who are immigrants, refugees, or other English Language Learners.

The application window will open on February 27, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. and will close on March 20, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Rebecca Eusey at (619) 537-9141, email [Rebecca.Eusey@etp.ca.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Eusey@etp.ca.gov), or on [LinkedIn](#)

*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.*