



State of California
Employment Training Panel

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**Employment Training Panel Awards Over \$5.9 Million
To Train California Workers**

SACRAMENTO – The California Labor and Workforce Development Agency’s Employment Training Panel (ETP) awarded over \$5.9 million in job training funds to improve the skills of 5,847 California workers for quality positions in both large and small businesses in sectors including bio-technology, manufacturing, telecommunications, construction and healthcare.

The Panel awarded a \$499,032 job training contract to Vibra Healthcare, LLC to upgrade the skills of 239 nurses at four acute care and rehabilitation hospitals located throughout the state that serve patients with catastrophic injuries, such as traumatic brain, spinal chord injuries and stroke, medical conditions that require advanced levels of care.

“Because of the current nursing shortage, Vibra hospitals must grow their own talent by expanding internal training programs to meet the needs of patients who have medical conditions which are significantly more complex .,” said Edward Palacios, RN, MPH, Chief Executive Officer, San Joaquin Valley Rehabilitation Hospital, a Vibra facility. “ETP training funds will increase our ability to train experienced specialty nursing staff to deliver enhanced levels of care required by our patients.”

For more information regarding Vibra Healthcare, contact Tom Durkin at 717/591-5700.

“ETP is pleased to be a part of the state’s comprehensive approach to addressing the need for highly skilled personnel in the healthcare sector,” said Brian McMahon, ETP’s Executive Director. “In the Vibra Healthcare project, ETP plays an important role in assisting the facility in implementing training for the career advancement and job security of incumbent registered nurses and licensed vocational nurses.”

ETP is a business and labor supported state agency that assists employers in strengthening their competitive edge by providing funds to partially off-set the costs of job skills training that is necessary to maintain high-performance workplaces. California’s ETP is a performance-based program, providing funds for trainees who successfully complete approved training programs and are retained in well-paying jobs for a specific period of time.

The program is funded by the Employment Training Tax paid by California employers, and targets firms threatened by out-of-state and international competition. Since its inception in 1983, the ETP program has provided over \$1 billion to train more than 800,000 workers in over 70,000 California companies. Employers match training funds awarded through ETP contracts, making these projects true public-private partnerships. To view copies of the proposals considered by the Panel at its most recent meeting, visit the ETP website at <http://www.etp.ca.gov/packets.cfm>. For more information about the ETP program, please visit www.etp.ca.gov, or call 916-327-5261.

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**EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PANEL
CONTRACTS APPROVED
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<u>Contractor**</u>	<u>City/County</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
 <u>SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA</u>		
AllMotion, Inc.	Alameda	\$ 3,120
Contractors' Alliance or Richmond	Contra Costa	\$ 28,320
Diebold, Inc.	Alameda, Orange	\$ 228,096
Symyx Technologies, Inc.	Santa Clara, Contra Costa, Ventura	\$ 454,968
The Olivia Companies	San Francisco	\$ 49,500
 <u>SAN DIEGO REGION</u>		
Associated Micro Breweries, Inc.	San Diego	\$ 74,772
Deere & Company	San Diego, Los Angeles, San Joaquin	\$ 359,100
Jade Range, L.L.C.	Orange	\$ 73,656
La-Z-Boy West	San Bernardino	\$ 422,280
The Pep Boys Manny, Moe & Jack of California	San Bernardino	\$ 210,000
Vibra Healthcare, L.L.C.	San Diego, San Bernardino, Fresno, Marin	\$ 499,032
 <u>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION</u>		
AAA Plating & Inspection, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 11,100
Aero Bending Company	Los Angeles	\$ 45,240
AeroMech Engineering, Inc.	San Luis Obispo	\$ 10,582
Central Nursing College, L.L.IC.	Los Angeles	\$ 331,860
Digital Telecommunications Corporation	Los Angeles	\$ 54,340
NAC, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 28,980
Sony Pictures Entertainment, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 253,800
Thermal Tech Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 4,264
Tropicana Manufacturing Company, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 391,500

SACRAMENTO REGION

Bob-Leon Plastics, Inc.	Sacramento	\$	17,160
Certified Stainless Service, Inc.	Stanislaus, Merced, Kern	\$	275,400
Granite Construction Company	Sacramento, San Joaquin, Fresno Kern, Riverside, Santa Barbara Monterey, Santa Clara	\$	288,000
HEDGPETH Automotive Corporation DbA North Highlands MAACO Collision Repair	Sacramento	\$	8,118
Leprino Foods Company	San Joaquin, Kings	\$	620,200
Michrom Bioresources, Inc.	Placer	\$	14,040
Sturgeon and Son, Inc..	Kern, Los Angeles, Ventura, Orange, Ventura, Santa Barbara, Contra Costa	\$	538,560

STATEWIDE

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****Contracts grouped by ETP Regional Office areas**

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