



*State of California*

## *Employment Training Panel*

*Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor*

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### **Employment Training Panel Approves Over \$6.6M to Train California Workers For New Jobs**

SACRAMENTO – The State of California’s Employment Training Panel approved 28 contracts worth over \$6.6M in job training funds at its regularly held public meeting today. Proposals included small business and smaller scale projects, under \$100,000 each, approved by Panel Chair, Barry Broad and Chief Deputy Director, Jill McAloon through the Panel’s delegation order process. Training proposals were comprised of both single and multiple employer contracts representative of various industry sectors throughout the state.

Within the manufacturing, green technology, and transportation/logistics sectors was a proposal from New Flyer of America Inc. (New Flyer), to train a total of 67 workers, including 59 newly hired employees. A manufacturer of heavy-duty transit buses in the United States and Canada, New Flyer offers a broad product line including vehicles with drive systems powered by clean diesel and natural gas, electric trolleys, and energy-efficient diesel-electric hybrid vehicles.

Having recently been awarded a five-year contract by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) for the purchase up to 900 heavy-duty compressed natural gas buses, New Flyer of America Inc. (New Flyer), a newcomer to the Employment Training Panel, has a need for workforce training. In addition to an existing distribution center in Fresno, the contract with LA Metro has opened the door for New Flyer to expand its presence in California with the establishment of a new facility in Ontario. Both New Flyer’s existing location and its new location are in areas of the state where the rate of unemployment is particularly high.

In addition to its partnership with ETP, New Flyer has been designated a Critical Proposal by the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz), and also partnered with the San Bernardino Economic Development Corporation and the Riverside Economic Development Corporation to support New Flyer through this period of job creation and workforce expansion.

Today, the Employment Training Panel approved employment training funds in the amount of \$184,200 to assist New Flyer in providing training to all occupations, including Acceptance and Delivery Specialists, Technicians, Manufacturing Engineers, and Materials Specialists. Training has been designed to equip workers with the skills and knowledge needed in a production environment. Furthermore, extensive cross-training will be provided to ensure a broad understanding of New Flyer’s entire production systems and process.

“New Flyer of America is excited to partner with the Employment Training Panel in funding training for our newly expanded workforce,” said Janice Harper, VP Human Resources of New Flyer of America. “ETP support is critical during this initial development phase of our expanded

workforce. We truly believe that by providing a strong foundation and skill set for our employees, we will be able to ensure safety, reduce the impact of quality issues and provide a streamlined process to ensure customer satisfaction.”

ETP is a business and labor supported state agency that assists employers in strengthening their competitive edge in the economy by providing funds to partially off-set the costs of necessary job skills training. California’s ETP is a performance-based program, providing funds for trainees who successfully complete training and are retained in good-paying jobs at or above a required wage base, for at least 90 days.

The program, funded by the Employment Training Tax paid by California employers, helps businesses threatened by out-of-state and international competition. The Panel also serves employers under its Special Employment Training Program, funding projects designed to improve skills and employment security of frontline workers in projects that do not meet standard employer/trainee eligibility requirements. Since its inception in 1983, the ETP program has provided approximately \$1.25 billion to train over 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](http://www.etp.ca.gov), or call 916-327-5368.

PROJECTS APPROVED  
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**REVIEW AND ACTION ON PROPOSALS**

<u>Contractor Amount</u>	<u>City/County</u>	<u>Contract</u>
<b><u>North Hollywood Regional Office</u></b>		
Advantage Media Services, Inc. DBA AMS Fulfillment	Los Angeles	\$51,840
Bolide Technology Group, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$26,000
City National Bank	Statewide	\$429,055
Coca-Cola Refreshments USA, Inc.	Alameda, Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino and San Diego	\$1,278,200
Elite Metal Finishing, LLC	Ventura	\$99,840
General Mills Operations, LLC	Los Angeles	\$137,700
MBC Broadcasting, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$18,360
New Flyer of America Inc.	Fresno & San Bernardino	\$184,200
The Cheesecake Factory Bakery Incorporated (amendment)	Los Angeles	\$25,920

Tropicana Manufacturing Company, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$274,200
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**San Diego Regional Office**

Arden Engineering, Inc.	Los Angeles & Orange	\$607,680
Attivo Group, Inc.	Orange	\$19,760
BAE Systems San Diego Ship Repair, Inc.	San Diego	\$286,670
Baker Electric, Inc.	San Diego	\$171,744
Comprehensive Training Systems Incorporated	San Diego	\$250,243
Edwards Lifesciences LLC	Orange	\$495,000
Parlour Enterprises, Inc.	Orange & Sacramento	\$89,760
Performance Plastics, Inc.	San Diego	\$54,900
Pro Performance Sports, LLC	San Diego	\$40,066

**San Francisco Bay Area Regional Office**

California Newspaper Partnership	Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Marin, Monterey, San Bernardino, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, Solano & Yolo	\$504,000
ENGEO Incorporated (Amendment)	Statewide	\$19,032
GCL Solar Energy, Inc.	San Francisco	\$26,280
KLA-Tencor Corporation	Santa Clara	\$577,879
Northern California Surveyors Joint Apprenticeship Committee	Northern California	\$59,978
Oakland Pallet Company, Inc.	Alameda & Stanislaus	\$98,708
Xilinx, Inc.	Orange, San Diego & San Jose	\$140,400

**Sacramento Regional Office**

Tesco Controls, Inc.	Monterey, Riverside & Sacramento	\$101,520
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