



*State of California*

# *Employment Training Panel*

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## **Employment Training Panel Approves Over \$6.9M to Train California Workers and Help Support Business Expansion**

SACRAMENTO – The State of California’s Employment Training Panel approved 32 contracts worth over \$6.9M 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 included both single employer contracts as well as multiple employer contracts and were representative of various industry sectors throughout the state. The projects approved also included a significant number of new workers related to new and expanding facilities in California.

One such project, new to the ETP program, is Ecologic Brands Inc. (Ecologic), a small business headquartered in Oakland, California. Founded in 2008, Ecologic is an award-winning designer and manufacturer of sustainable packaging solutions. Recognized for making America’s first paper bottle, which consists of a compostable outer shell made with 100% recycled cardboard and newspaper, Ecologic is dedicated to offering consumers a choice beyond plastic. Throughout the product lifecycle Ecologic bottles generate 59 percent less solid waste, 37 percent fewer carbon dioxide emissions, consume 48 percent less energy than equivalent plastic bottles, and are 100% recyclable.

Consumer demand for sustainable packaging continues to grow, and in July, Ecologic opened its first production facility in the United States, a 60,000 square-foot facility in Manteca, California. In a region which has traditionally suffered from high unemployment, Ecologic’s recent business expansion has translated into the creation of new jobs. To date, 40 new employees have been hired at the new plant, where the company plans to produce 6 million bottles per year. With a goal of producing 60 million bottles per year, the plant has capacity for 100 new jobs and the potential for continued job creation is likely.

The Employment Training Panel approved employment training funds in the amount of \$73,840, to assist Ecologic in training both new and incumbent workers in the operation of new manufacturing equipment, as well as business and computer skills, and continuous improvement. All training will be provided at the Manteca manufacturing facility and at Ecologic’s offices in Oakland.

“Ecologic is excited to partner with the Employment Training Panel in funding training for our newly expanded workforce,” said Julie Corbett, Founder & CEO of Ecologic. “ETP support is critical in our continuous development of a highly-skilled workforce that’s able to respond to market demand with ever improving efficiency and increased 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</u>	<u>City/County</u>	<u>Contract Amt</u>
<b><u>North Hollywood Regional Office</u></b>		
<a href="#"><u>Finishing Trades Institute of District Council 36 JATC</u></a>	Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Mono, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, & Ventura	\$723,168
<a href="#"><u>Five Star Gourmet Foods, Inc.</u></a>	San Bernardino	\$49,504
<a href="#"><u>Kern Community College District (Amendment)</u></a>	Statewide	\$667,540
<a href="#"><u>Kraco Enterprises, LLC</u></a>	Los Angeles	\$98,592
<a href="#"><u>Los Alamitos Medical Center</u></a>	Los Angeles	\$172,500
<a href="#"><u>Mountain View Child Care, Inc. DBA Totally Kids Specialty Healthcare</u></a>	San Bernardino	\$293,506
<a href="#"><u>nanoPrecision Products, Inc.</u></a>	Los Angeles & Ventura	\$208,000
<a href="#"><u>Nissin Foods (U.S.A.) Company, Inc.</u></a>	Los Angeles	\$99,840
<a href="#"><u>The Nutro Company</u></a>	San Bernardino	\$99,630
<a href="#"><u>Valley CORF, Inc.</u></a>	Los Angeles & Riverside	\$18,920
<a href="#"><u>Veba Administrators, Inc. DBA United Retirement Plan Consultants</u></a>	Los Angeles	\$40,800
<a href="#"><u>Workforce Development Corporation DBA Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board</u></a>	Statewide	\$1,249,307
<a href="#"><u>Worldwide Aeros Corp.</u></a>	Los Angeles	\$33,800

**San Diego Regional Office**

<a href="#">Arlon Graphics LLC</a>	Orange	\$270,000
<a href="#">CD Listening Bar, Inc.</a>	Orange & Yolo	\$41,360
<a href="#">Chaffey Community College District</a>	Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, & San Bernardino	\$1,022,264
<a href="#">Nanovea, Inc.</a>	Orange	\$20,800
<a href="#">Phoenix Energy Technologies, Inc.</a>	Orange	\$33,020
<a href="#">Quality Discount Ice Cream Distributors, Inc.</a>	Los Angeles, Riverside, Sacramento & San Diego	\$156,600
<a href="#">Riverside Community College District, Office of Economic Development (Amendment)</a>	Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino & San Diego	\$628,000
<a href="#">Sage Software, Inc.</a>	Orange	\$80,400
<a href="#">STERIS Inc.</a>	Riverside, San Bernardino & San Diego	\$54,392
<a href="#">Stremicks Heritage Foods, Inc.</a>	Orange, Riverside & San Bernardino	\$180,440
<a href="#">Western Hydrostatics, Inc.</a>	Riverside & Sacramento	\$32,760

**San Francisco Bay Area Regional Office**

<a href="#">Core-Mark International, Inc.</a>	Kern, Los Angeles, Riverside & Sacramento	\$99,112
<a href="#">ICON Clinical Research, Inc.</a>	Los Angeles, San Diego & San Francisco	\$172,800
<a href="#">NeoPhotonics Corporation</a>	Alameda & Santa Clara	\$99,980
<a href="#">Webmarketing 123, Inc.</a>	Alameda	\$32,760

**Sacramento Regional Office**

<a href="#">3D Data Com</a>	Alameda, Fresno & Sacramento	\$16,380
<a href="#">Eco.Logic Brands Inc.</a>	Alameda & San Joaquin	\$73,840
<a href="#">Georgia-Pacific Corrugated LLC</a>	Madera	\$96,768
<a href="#">Owen &amp; Company DBA Owen-Dunn Insurance Services</a>	Orange & Sacramento	\$79,860