



State of California  
*Employment Training Panel*

*Edmund G. Brown Jr., Governor*

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**Employment Training Panel Approves Over \$9.8 Million in Job Training Funds for Close to 12,000 Workers**

*Karma Automotive Receives Contract to Train More Than 400 Employees*

SACRAMENTO – The State of California’s Employment Training Panel today approved 59 contracts worth over \$9.8 million to train close to 12,000 workers. One of the approved contracts is for \$830,000 to train more than 400 current and newly-hired employees in the production of plug-in electric hybrid vehicles at Karma Automotive, LLC.

“The Employment Training Panel is pleased to support new, innovative manufacturers by helping them meet their needs for skilled workers,” said Stewart Knox, the Employment Training Panel’s Executive Director. “The job training contracts approved today address job creation and retention while increasing opportunities for workers through the development of job skills and training.”

Founded in California, Karma Automotive – formerly known as Fisker Automotive and Technology Group, LLC. – will be re-starting their production of plug-in electric hybrid vehicles. Based on Karma’s planned expansion and commitment to adding new jobs in California, the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development has designated this project as a Critical Proposal.

"GO-Biz is proud to count Karma Automotive among the growing number of car companies choosing to locate and manufacture in California," said GO-Biz Director, Panorea Avdis "The Employment Training Panel is one of the State's critical economic development tools which GO-Biz utilizes to incentivize new job creation."

Karma Automotive recently opened a new headquarters in Costa Mesa, and is opening a third California location in Moreno Valley, where it will hire close to 170 new employees for its manufacturing activities.

Karma’s new hybrid vehicles will contain 40 microcomputers and a new and more efficient nanotechnology battery. The company will imbed solar panels in the roofs of their vehicles, and will also install rooftop solar panels on its manufacturing center in Moreno Valley to demonstrate its commitment to green clean and advanced technologies.

Under the proposal approved today, Karma Automotive will train more than 400 workers, including approximately 250 incumbent workers, some of whom are veterans or individuals with disabilities. Karma will also train approximately 170 newly hired employees. The employees will learn skills in manufacturing, computers, advanced technology and hazardous materials.

The Employment Training Panel is the state’s premier program supporting job creation and retention through training. Since its creation in 1982, the panel reimburses employers for the costs of training existing workers, funds training for unemployed workers to re-enter the workforce and helps to ensure California businesses have the skilled workers they need to remain competitive.

For more information about the program, please visit [www.etp.ca.gov](http://www.etp.ca.gov), or call 916-327-5267.

PROJECTS APPROVED  
December 5, 2015

**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="#">Alta Hospitals System, LLC</a>	Los Angeles	\$664,240
<a href="#">Applied Technologies Associates, Inc.</a>	San Luis Obispo	\$296,298
<a href="#">Big 5 Sporting Goods Corporation</a>	Statewide	\$358,440
<a href="#">Farmers Group, Inc.</a>	Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Los Angeles, Marin, Orange, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Mateo & Santa Clara	\$186,400
<a href="#">Greater Oxnard Economic Development Corporation</a>	Ventura	\$186,690
<a href="#">Hospital of Barstow, Inc. DBA Barstow Community Hospital</a>	San Bernardino	\$243,810
<a href="#">L-3 Communications, Electron Technologies, Inc.</a>	Los Angeles	\$349,500
<a href="#">Michael Kors (USA), Inc.</a>	Los Angeles	\$503,520
<a href="#">PennyMac Financial Services, Inc.</a>	Los Angeles, Orange, Sacramento & Ventura	\$331,000
<a href="#">PVH Corp.</a>	Los Angeles	\$145,728
<a href="#">The Cheesecake Factory Bakery Incorporated</a>	Los Angeles	\$244,000
<a href="#">The Proctor &amp; Gamble Paper Products Company</a>	Kern	\$493,020
<a href="#">Weber Metals, Inc.</a>	Los Angeles	\$196,220
<a href="#">WWF Operating Company</a>	Los Angeles	\$430,720
<b><u>San Diego Regional Office</u></b>		
<a href="#">BAE Systems San Diego Ship Repair, Inc. (Amendment)</a>	San Diego	\$63,800

<a href="#">Esterline Technologies Corporation</a>	Orange & San Luis Obispo	\$440,226
<a href="#">Illumina, Inc.</a>	Alameda, San Diego, San Francisco, San Mateo & Santa Clara	\$575,000
<a href="#">Karma Automotive, LLC</a>	Orange & Riverside	\$835,218
<a href="#">University Rx Specialists DBA University Compounding Pharmacy</a>	San Diego	\$174,150

**San Francisco Bay Area Regional Office**

<a href="#">Anritsu Company</a>	San Diego & Santa Clara	\$173,875
<a href="#">International Business Machines Corporation</a>	Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Orange, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Mateo & Santa Clara	\$388,378
<a href="#">Lumileds LLC</a>	Santa Clara	\$182,160
<a href="#">Northern California Plasterers' Joint Apprenticeship and Training Trust Fund</a>	Statewide	\$169,820

**Sacramento Regional Office**

Foster Poultry Farms		WITHDRAWN
<a href="#">TriWest Healthcare Alliance Corp.</a>	Sacramento & San Diego	\$391,200
<a href="#">Unison Comfort Technologies, LLC, a Division of Greenheck Fan Corporation</a>	Sacramento	\$161,100

**Proposals Approved By Delegation Order**

For 10/14/15 – 11/18/15

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>City/County</u>	<u>Contract Amt</u>
<b><u>North Hollywood Regional Office</u></b>		
<a href="#">Classic Litho &amp; Design, Inc.</a>	Los Angeles	\$49,140
<a href="#">CohnReznick LLP</a>	Los Angeles, Sacramento & San Diego	\$99,180
<a href="#">Curtin Maritime Corp.</a>	Los Angeles	\$49,192
<a href="#">Denmac Industries, Inc.</a>	Los Angeles	\$49,972
<a href="#">Kite Pharma, Inc.</a>	Los Angeles	\$99,400
<a href="#">New Flyer of America, Inc.</a>	San Bernardino	\$86,800

<a href="#"><u>NL&amp;A Collections, Inc.</u></a>	Los Angeles	\$23,400
<a href="#"><u>Plastics Plus Technology, Inc.</u></a>	San Bernardino	\$26,312
<a href="#"><u>Replacement Parts Industries, Inc.</u></a>	Los Angeles	\$42,718
<a href="#"><u>Quality Refrigeration Company, Inc.</u></a>	Los Angeles & San Diego	\$23,760
<a href="#"><u>Shlemmer+Algaze+Associates Interiors &amp; Architecture, Inc.</u></a>	Los Angeles, Orange & San Francisco	\$90,800
<a href="#"><u>Summit Machine, LLC</u></a>	San Bernardino	\$99,882
<a href="#"><u>Vescio Threading Co. Inc. DBA Vescio Manufacturing International</u></a>	Los Angeles	\$38,610
<b><u>San Diego Regional Office</u></b>		
<a href="#"><u>360 DG OCLA, LLC DBA 360 Destination Group</u></a>	Los Angeles, Orange & San Diego	\$14,784
<a href="#"><u>ATS Workholding, Inc. DBA ATS Systems, Inc.</u></a>	Orange	\$49,140
<a href="#"><u>CallCatchers Inc. DBA FreedomVoice Systems</u></a>	San Diego	\$49,500
<a href="#"><u>DENSO Wireless Systems America, Inc.</u></a>	San Diego	\$79,560
<a href="#"><u>Diversified Communications Services, Inc.</u></a>	Orange	\$49,920
<a href="#"><u>Method Technologies, Inc.</u></a>	Orange	\$22,100
<a href="#"><u>MHM Glass Etching (Amendment)</u></a>	San Diego	\$10,140
<a href="#"><u>Noble House Shelter Pointe, LLC DBA Kona Kai Resort and Spa</u></a>	Los Angeles & San Diego	\$66,150
<a href="#"><u>PacMin Incorporated DBA Pacific Miniatures</u></a>	Orange	\$49,400
<a href="#"><u>Phoenix Energy Technologies, Inc.</u></a>	Orange	\$41,600
<a href="#"><u>Primary Freight Services, Inc.</u></a>	Orange	\$49,920
<a href="#"><u>Shepard Bros., Inc.</u></a>	Orange & San Joaquin	\$28,080
<a href="#"><u>The Ultimate Software Group, Inc.</u></a>	Orange	\$43,434
<b><u>San Francisco Bay Area Regional Office</u></b>		
<a href="#"><u>Annie's Inc.</u></a>	Alameda	\$65,520
<a href="#"><u>Finelite, Inc.</u></a>	Alameda	\$7,920
<a href="#"><u>INTA Technologies Corporation</u></a>	Santa Clara	\$31,668
<a href="#"><u>Shamrock Office Solutions, Inc.</u></a>	Alameda	\$25,674

**Sacramento Regional Office**

<a href="#"><u>Drake Haglan &amp; Associates, Inc.</u></a>	Sacramento	\$42,224
<a href="#"><u>GFP Ethanol, LLC DBA Calgren Renewable Fuels (AB118)</u></a>	Tulare	\$49,504
<a href="#"><u>Smart Investor</u></a>	Placer	\$11,880
<a href="#"><u>Teter, LLP</u></a>	Fresno, Kern & Tulare	\$49,946