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Employment Training Panel

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Employment Training Panel Awards Almost \$5.5 Million to Train 4,404 California Workers

SACRAMENTO – The California Labor and Workforce Development Agency’s Employment Training Panel (ETP) today approved 22 contracts totaling almost \$5.5 million in job training funds. This money will provide training to 4,404 California workers for various high-wage occupations.

The Panel awarded a contract for \$232,685 to the District Council 16 Northern California Journeymen and Apprentice Training Trust Fund (DC 16) to train 265 journey-level workers, trainees with two or more barriers preventing them from fully participating in the labor force, unemployed workers currently enrolled in an apprenticeship preparatory training program and trainees who qualify as CalWORKS recipients. The DC 16 training program will focus on business, commercial and computer skills, as well as continuous improvement and literacy skills.

“An escalating shortage of qualified trade workers, combined with an aging workforce, is creating a major challenge for staffing California unionized workers in the construction industry,” said Doug Christopher, DC 16’s General Manager Trust Chairman. “ETP training funds will not only play a role in addressing the current worker shortage, but will also support our effort to raise worker skill levels and reduce periods of unemployment for journey-level workers in unionized trades.”

DC 16 was established in 1934, and is a full affiliate of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades. The Council, which is located in Livermore, represents over 10,000 tapers, painters, glaziers and floor coverers from 18 different locals in Northern California, and operates training centers in Hayward and Sacramento.

“Recent studies predict continued growth in construction throughout California,” said Michael Saragosa, ETP Executive Director. “The DC 16 training program not only supports Governor Schwarzenegger’s vision to rebuild our state’s infrastructure and lay the foundation for our future growth, but also is an example of the Panel’s commitment to address California’s critical shortage of skilled construction workers.”

For more information regarding the District Council 16 Northern California Journeymen and Apprentice Training Trust Fund’s training program, please contact Mark Watchers, Executive Director, at 510/785-8467.

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 665,000 workers in over 65,000 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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(Attachment)

**EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PANEL
CONTRACTS APPROVED
August 24, 2007**

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
Litton Systems, Inc., a subsidiary of Northrop Grumman Corp., Navigation Systems Division	Los Angeles	\$ 1,200,000
Yahoo! Inc.	Statewide	\$ 1,000,000
Burdge, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 24,882
Canyon Plastics, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 49,920
Chromatic Inc. Lithographers	Los Angeles	\$ 35,568
Del Amo Construction, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 40,920
Kern Federal Credit Union	Kern	\$ 49,764
Gorko Industries, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 49,400
The Evans Group	Los Angeles	\$ 70,200
California Manufacturers and Technology Association	Statewide	\$ 1,000,000
Hanson Aggregates, Permanente Plant	Santa Clara	\$ 262,080
District Council 16 Northern California Journeymen and Apprentice Training Trust Fund	Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Solano, Santa Clara, Sonoma	\$ 232,685
National Glass Association	Statewide	\$ 200,000
Sacramento Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce	Sacramento, Placer, Amador, El Dorado, Nevada, Sutter, San Joaquin, Yolo, Yuba	\$ 45,168
Brys Architectural Metal and Glass	Sacramento	\$ 17,680
Label Technology, Inc.	Merced	\$ 15,600
Goodwill Industries of Santa Clara County	Santa Clara	\$ 235,100
Goodwill Industries, Santa Cruz, Monterey & San Luis Obispo Counties, Inc., dba Shoreline Workforce Development Services	Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Luis Obispo	\$ 343,957
Crossbow Technology, Inc.	Santa Clara	\$ 112,840
Crystal Technology, Inc.	Santa Clara	\$ 69,120
Alvarado Hospital, LLC	San Diego	\$ 338,400
SUTI Holdings, LP	Orange	\$ 99,000