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Employment Training Panel

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Employment Training Panel Awards Over \$20 Million to Train 18,204 California Workers

SACRAMENTO – The California Labor and Workforce Development Agency’s Employment Training Panel (ETP) today approved 67 contracts totaling over \$20 million in job training funds, which will provide training to 18,204 California workers for quality jobs in a broad range of industries.

“These contracts are designed to meet changing workforce needs in industries as diverse as aerospace and health care,” said Ada Carrillo, ETP’s acting executive director. “One of the contracts awarded this month supports Governor Schwarzenegger’s environmental and energy goals by helping the development of reduced energy lighting technologies.”

The panel awarded a \$394,134 job training contract to SoloPower, Inc., a start-up company established in 2005 in Milpitas, which has been in the research and development phases for the manufacturing of thin-film photovoltaic solar cells and modules that convert the light from the sun into energy. SoloPower’s products are intended to be competitive with traditional energy sources, such as gas and electricity.

SoloPower is constructing a 109,000-square foot state-of-the art manufacturing facility in San Jose, and expanding its workforce. Due to the unique nature of this manufacturing process, the current labor market does not have a sufficient supply of skilled workers who can operate the sophisticated machinery, tools and software used exclusively for the company’s solar cell product manufacturing process.

“ETP training funds will allow us to perfect and expand our workers’ skills during this critical growth period for our company, assuring us a more secure foothold in this very competitive market,” said SoloPower President and CEO Homayoun Talieh. For more information regarding SoloPower, Inc., please contact Millicent Shurrine at 408/942-4140.

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 725,000 workers in 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 916-327-5330.

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**EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PANEL
CONTRACTS APPROVED
December 14, 2007**

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>City/County</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
Advance Paper Box Company	Los Angeles	\$ 412,776
Alameda Corridor Jobs Coalition	Los Angeles	\$ 193,760
Building Skills Partnership	Statewide	\$ 195,896
California Manufacturing Technology Consulting	Statewide	\$ 1,066,660
Creative Communication Technologies, Inc.	Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Orange, Riverside, Ventura	\$ 255,000
Doctor's Hospital of West Covina	Los Angeles	\$ 147,546
Gateway Cities Partnership, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 111,916
Gothic Landscape, Inc., dba Gothic Landscape	Los Angeles, Riverside	\$ 75,000
J.D. Powers & Associates	Los Angeles, Orange	\$ 283,140
Northrop Grumman Integrated Systems	Los Angeles, San Diego, Kern	\$ 1,499,000
PAMC, Ltd., dba Pacific Alliance Medical Center	Los Angeles	\$ 269,136
Rantec Microwave Systems, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 74,256
Santa Monica College	Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside San Bernardino, Ventura	\$ 250,586
Superior Anhausner Foods	Los Angeles	\$ 135,000
Teamster Joint Council 42 Training Agency	Los Angeles	\$ 414,576
Com DEV USA, LLC	Los Angeles	\$ 40,698
Aviano Group, Inc.	Orange, San Bernardino	\$ 48,360
CoxCom, Inc.	San Diego	\$ 687,000
H. Hendy Associates.	Orange	\$ 26,400
HSBC Credit and Retail Services, Inc.	Statewide	\$ 750,000
Hunter Direct, Inc.	Orange	\$ 21,120
Invitrogen Corporation	San Diego, Ventura	\$ 800,172
Kirkhill – TA Company	Orange	\$ 793,800
MKG Enterprises, Inc.	Orange	\$ 49,324
Pacific Bell Directory	Statewide	\$ 658,800
PG Films, Inc.	San Diego	\$ 74,880
Pneudraulics, Inc.	San Bernardino	\$ 216,000
Prime Healthcare Services, Inc.	San Bernardino, Orange Los Angeles, San Diego	\$ 750,060
Reid Products, Inc.	San Bernardino	\$ 31,200
Ross Stores, Inc.	Riverside, Alameda	\$ 500,760
Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce	Statewide	\$ 481,200
SDA Security Systems, Inc.	San Diego, Riverside	\$ 22,100

TOLCO, a brand of NIBCO, Inc.	Riverside	\$ 169,650
Western Summit Constructors, Inc.	San Diego, Riverside, Stanislaus San Joaquin, Contra Costa	\$ 49,968
Bay Area Economic Development Center	Statewide	\$ 729,200
Bimbo Bakery USA	Sacramento	\$ 144,720
Charles A. Jones Skills & Business Center	Sacramento, Yolo, San Joaquin Placer, Yuba	\$ 199,133
California State University, Fresno Foundation	Fresno, Kings, Madera, Tulare	\$ 49,547
Dreyer's Grand Ice Cream, Tulare Operations	Tulare	\$ 548,469
FormFactor, Inc.	Alameda	\$ 500,000
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Solano County	Solano	\$ 49,726
Greater Sacramento Urban League	Sacramento	\$ 196,900
Hobbs Container Company, Inc.	Tulare	\$ 41,600
Michaels Transportation Services, Inc.	Solano, Santa Cruz	\$ 26,400
Morton & Pitalo, Inc.	Sacramento	\$ 62,400
PGP International, an ABF Ingredients Co.	Yolo, Colusa	\$ 234,000
Sacramento Employment and Training Agency	Sacramento, Yolo, Calaveras Amador, El Dorado, Placer Sutter, San Joaquin, Solano	\$ 769,900
Shasta Regional Medical Center LLC	Shasta	\$ 499,686
Siegfried Engineering, Inc.	San Joaquin	\$ 48,360
SupHerb Farms	Stanislaus	\$ 52,000
The Conrad Corp., dba Conquest Imaging	San Joaquin	\$ 74,888
Verdegaal Brothers, Inc.	Kings	\$ 20,240
Vietnam Veterans of California, Inc.	Sacramento, Sonoma	\$ 74,476
WalGreen Distribution Center	Yolo	\$ 75,000
Abbott Vascular, Inc.	San Mateo, Santa Clara, Riverside	\$ 1,470,600
AcademyX, Inc.	Statewide	\$ 199,495
Bon Appetit Management Company	Santa Clara	\$ 208,800
Electronic Interface, Inc., dba Applied Engineering	Santa Clara	\$ 290,576
Extron Logistics, LLC	Alameda	\$ 39,960
Leadership Training and Education Fund	Statewide	\$ 436,748
Menlo Logistics, Inc., dba Menlo Worldwide	Statewide	\$ 73,440
Nitelog, Inc.	Monterey	\$ 36,504
SigmaTron International, Inc.	Alameda	\$ 163,520
SoloPower, Inc.	Alameda, Santa Clara	\$ 394,134
The Corporation for Manufacturing Excellence dba MANEX	Statewide	\$ 499,643
Toppan Photomask, Inc.	Santa Clara	\$ 182,196
US FoodService, Inc.	Alameda	\$ 198,450

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