



State of California

Employment Training Panel

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Employment Training Panel Awards Almost \$9.3 Million to Train 8,120 California Workers

SACRAMENTO – Today the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency’s Employment Training Panel (ETP) approved 33 contracts totaling almost \$9.3 million in job training funds, which will provide training to 8,120 California workers for quality jobs in a broad range of industries.

The Panel awarded one such contract of \$151,300 to Spansion, Inc., a Sunnyvale-based manufacturer of Flash memory solutions. Founded in 2003, Spansion is the largest company exclusively focused on Flash memory solutions, which is present in nearly every electronic device, including cell phones, cars, printers, network equipment, high-definition TVs, and a myriad of other consumer electronics.

ETP training funds will assist Spansion in retraining 350 technicians, engineers, planners and managers in continuous improvement skills encompassing manufacturing and engineering procedures, problem solving and system analysis tools to increase yield. Spansion is confident its employee training will accelerate the development of new process and product technologies enabling the company to become more competitive in the global marketplace.

“ETP funding will provide Spansion with the opportunity to enhance training for its California workforce, which, in turn, will allow the company to evolve and stay competitive in the industry,” said Labor and Workforce Development Agency Secretary Victoria Bradshaw.

“Spansion’s vision is to completely redefine what it means to be a Flash memory company,” said Michael Hill, Spansion’s Director, Learning and Organization Development. “ETP training funds will assist us in maintaining our focus on operational excellence and efficient manufacturing capability, which, in turn, means we will deliver a quality product and greater efficiency to our customers.”

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 760,000 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
February 22, 2008**

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>City/County</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
All Metals Supply, Inc.	Butte	\$ 27,104
Intel Corporation	Santa Clara, Sacramento	\$ 1,003,590
Kombat Soccer, Inc.	Sacramento	\$ 7,700
Nord Coast Vineyards Services	Napa	\$ 16,380
North State Grocery, Inc. dba Holiday Quality Foods	Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Tehama, Yuba	\$ 27,000
Radiological Associates of Sacramento Medical Group, Inc.	Sacramento, Solano, Placer	\$ 104,000
Sacramento Area Electrical Workers Joint Apprenticeship & Training Trust	Sacramento, Yolo, Yuba, Sutter San Joaquin, Amador, Colusa Solano, Placer, El Dorado	\$ 213,600
Trans Bay Steel Corporation	Solano	\$ 93,600
Yes! Solar Solutions, Inc.	Placer	\$ 70,200
Alom Technologies Corporation	Alameda	\$ 145,600
BEMA Electronics, Inc.	Alameda	\$ 49,686
Omicell, Inc.	Santa Clara	\$ 221,760
Spansion, Inc.	Santa Clara	\$ 151,200
California Construction Service Corporation, dba Sun Light and Power	Alameda	\$ 74,542
Arrow Electronic, Inc.	San Bernardino	\$ 227,520
Ball Corporation	San Bernardino	\$ 11,520
Brithinee Electrinc, Inc.	San Bernardino	\$ 49,920
C.W. Driver, Incorporated	Los Angeles, San Bernardino Irvine, San Diego	\$ 308,448
Cardinal Health, Inc.	Statewide	\$ 3,240,000
The Sedaker Group of California, Inc., dba Directbuy of West Riverside County	San Bernardino, Riverside	\$ 48,400
Circor Aerospace, Inc.	Riverside	\$ 360,000
Comprehensive Training Systems, Inc	San Diego	\$ 208,360
NexBio, Inc.	San Diego	\$ 49,140
Ollila Industries, Inc.	San Bernardino	\$ 31,200
Unilever Supply Chain, Inc.	Riverside	\$ 159,840
Boston Scientific Neuromodulation	Los Angeles	\$ 360,000

Conectus Wireless	Ventura	\$	44,748
Multiprobe, Inc.	Santa Barbara	\$	56,160
B/E Aerospace Incorporated	Los Angeles	\$	64,152
NTMA Training Centers of Southern California	Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura	\$	999,936
Promega Biosciences, Inc.	San Luis Obispo	\$	43,992
UAW – Labor Employment Training Corporation	Los Angeles	\$	312,750
West Hills Hospital and Medical Center	Los Angeles	\$	496,800