



State of California

# Employment Training Panel

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## Employment Training Panel Awards Almost \$12 Million to Train 9,400 California Workers

**SACRAMENTO** – The California Labor and Workforce Development Agency's Employment Training Panel (ETP) today, at its meeting in Sacramento, approved 34 contracts, totaling almost \$12 million in job training funds. This money will provide training to 9,400 California workers for various high-wage occupations.

ETP awards training funds to employers, large and small, throughout California to provide customized training for incumbent and unemployed workers in support of high-wage, high-skilled jobs. Recognizing that small business is the economic engine for the State, the Panel continues to prioritize its resources to support small businesses in their worker training efforts. Historically, over 70 percent of all employers participating in ETP contracts have been small. In order to serve California's small business community, ETP utilizes its Small Business Program, specifically designed for businesses with 100 or fewer workers, as well as multiple employer contracts that serve several small companies under one contract.

ETP's Small Business Program facilitated Oroville's Emerald Bay Custom Built Houseboats, Inc., in receiving a \$20,280 contract to train 13 of its 15 full-time employees in continuous improvement, manufacturing, computer and business skills. Emerald Bay began its operation in 1994 in Oroville as a remodeling facility for houseboats dedicated to providing custom work and quality products, and is currently the only builder of fully custom houseboats on the West Coast. Since its inception, Emerald Bay has grown from a 40,000 square foot facility to a 120,000 square foot facility, and specializes in updating existing houseboats with current technology enhancements and building customized, one-of-a-kind houseboats requiring little or no maintenance.

"Emerald Bay Custom Houseboats continues to grow and has become an economic asset to Oroville," said Austin Lesley, Director of Marketing & HR for Emerald Bay Houseboats. "The ETP program will allow us to enhance the training of our staff in all areas of houseboat building, thereby helping us achieve our company goal of assuring our employees are well compensated not only with pay and benefits, but also with worker skills that will enable our company to build on for future growth."

For more information regarding Emerald Bay Custom Houseboats, contact Austin Lesley, Emerald Bay Custom Houseboats, at 530-534-3440. For more information regarding ETP's Small Business Program, contact Charles Lundberg at 916-327-5261.

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 660,000 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/packet.cfm>. For more information about the ETP program, please visit [www.etp.ca.gov](http://www.etp.ca.gov), or call 916-327-5261.

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**(Attachment)**

**EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PANEL  
CONTRACTS APPROVED  
January 26, 2007**

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
AMN Healthcare.	San Bernardino	\$ 467,880
Balboa Instruments, Inc.	Orange	\$ 83,160
Elgar Electronics Corporation.	San Diego	\$ 149,580
National RV, Inc.	Riverside	\$ 749,412
Pan-Pacific Plumbing Co, Inc.	Orange	\$ 145,152
Sage Software, Inc.	Placer, Orange	\$ 299,520
The Raymond Group	Contra Costa, Orange, San Diego	\$ 208,800
Ventura Foods, LLC	L.A., Orange, San Bernardino	\$ 695,232
Williams Furnace Company	San Bernardino	\$ 411,516
Dorel Industries	San Bernardino	\$ 49,140
Baxter Bioscience	Los Angeles	\$ 138,030
The Boeing Company	Los Angeles, Orange	\$ 378,000
Irwin Industries, Inc.	L.A., San Bernardino Ventura, Santa Barbara	\$ 742,446
Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza	Los Angeles	\$ 196,800
Fresenius Medical Care North America	Statewide	\$ 542,715
MedPoint Management, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 36,960
Fashion Business, Inc.	Statewide	\$ 198,804
Gnomon School of Visual Effects	Statewide	\$ 199,625
New Technology Training Institute	Statewide	\$ 85,365
Southeast Area Social Services Funding Authority	L.A., Orange, Ventura Riverside, San Bernardino	\$ 108,510
Sturdi-Quick Prefabricated Structures	Statewide	\$ 271,300
Certified Printers, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 11,440
NHK Laboratories, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 49,140
Oasis Air Conditioning	Kern	\$ 43,680
Avago Technologies, Ltd.	Santa Clara	\$ 149,760
Monterey Mushrooms, Inc.	Santa Clara, Santa Cruz	\$ 1,038,600
Seagate Technology, LLC	Santa Cruz. Santa Clara, Alameda	\$ 1,512,000
Diebold, Inc.	Statewide	\$ 331,200
Bay Area Video Coalition		\$ 1,603,887
LogicVision, Inc.	Santa Clara	\$ 42,224
Hitchcock and Holcombe, Inc., dba Continental Training Center	Statewide	\$ 645,430
Ingomar Packing Company, LLC	Merced, Stanislaus, Fresno, S.F.	\$ 21,780
Emerald Bay Custom Built Houseboats, Inc.	Butte	\$ 20,280