



State of California

Employment Training Panel

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Employment Training Panel Awards Almost \$5.5 Million to Train 4,208 California Workers

SACRAMENTO – The California Labor and Workforce Development Agency’s Employment Training Panel (ETP) today approved 35 contracts totaling almost \$5.5 million in job training funds, which will provide training to 4,208 California workers for quality jobs in a broad range of industries.

The Panel awarded a \$750,960 job training contract to Medtronic MiniMed, Inc., a medical technology company located in Northridge that designs and manufactures insulin infusion pumps and related equipment for patients with diabetes. The company is undertaking major initiatives to better compete in a global marketplace and to institute new high-tech automation processes.

MiniMed representatives have stated that ETP funding will support the company’s restructuring efforts by ensuring that employees have the skills they need to successfully realize the company’s objectives and maximize operational effectiveness, and enable employees to transition into new roles using new products and systems.

“In today’s competitive market, employee training is crucial to an organization’s increased productivity and efficiency,” said Brian McMahon, ETP’s Executive Director. “ETP is pleased to partner with companies such as MiniMed in their efforts to enhance process improvement practices and develop new products”.

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 750,000 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 916-327-5261.

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(Attachment)

**EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PANEL
CONTRACTS APPROVED
January 25, 2008**

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>City/County</u>	<u>Contract Amount</u>
A&V Engineering	Los Angeles	\$ 1,872
Accessories Marketing, Inc.	San Luis Obispo	\$ 50,050
Angeles College of Nursing	Los Angeles	\$ 190,755
Bakersfield Heart Hospital	Kern	\$ 370,566
Lightspeed Systems, Inc.	Kern	\$ 35,880
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce	Los Angeles	\$ 199,598
McBain Instruments	Los Angeles	\$ 51,480
Maximum Motor Sports	San Luis Obispo	\$ 4,030
Medtronic MiniMed, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$ 750,960
Syntax-Brilliant Corporation	Los Angeles	\$ 243,360
Volusion, Inc.	Ventura	\$ 20,800
Xerox Corporation	Los Angeles	\$ 86,400
Architectural Area Lighting	Los Angeles	\$ 46,080
American All-Risk Loss Administrator, Inc.	Fresno	\$ 182,160
Ball Metal Food Container, LLC	Stanislaus, Solano, San Bernardino, Los Angeles	\$ 801,000
Sterling Alliance, Inc., dba, CCT Computer Learning	Humboldt, Shasta, Tehama Trinity	\$ 160,000
Codding Steel Frame Solutions	Sonoma	\$ 8,320
Goodwill Industries of San Joaquin Valley	San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Fresno	\$ 99,475
Hitchcock and Holcombe, Inc., dba Continental Training Center	Statewide	\$ 272,575
Total Managed Care, Inc.	Fresno	\$ 97,680
Van Beurden Insurance Services, Inc.	Riverside, San Luis Obispo Yolo, Fresno	\$ 158,400
Simmons Bedding Company	Alameda, Los Angeles	\$ 191,700
UHV Sputtering, Inc.	Santa Clara	\$ 35,282
Nu Vision Manufacturing, LLC dba Veritek Manufacturing Services	Santa Clara	\$ 112,320
Chrisp Company	Alameda	\$ 57,600
Claremont Business Group, dba Claremont Insurance Services	Contra Costa	\$ 92,906
Dlugosh Cabinet & Fixture, Inc.	Alameda	\$ 24,180
Leadman Electronics USA, Inc.	Santa Clara	\$ 17,472
SAE Materials, Inc.	Santa Clara	\$ 21,736

BAE Systems Advanced Ceramics, Inc.	San Diego	\$ 69,696
Franklin Career College	San Bernardino, Los Angeles Riverside	\$ 796,230
Kent A. Brooks Insurance Services, dba Brooks Jucha & Associates	San Diego	\$ 13,200
Miller Machine, Inc.	San Diego	\$ 23,760
SPS Technologies, Inc., dba Cherry Aerospace	Orange	\$ 183,330
Ultra Systems Environmental, Inc.	Orange	\$ 30,360