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**This Labor Day, Employment Development Department renews its
commitment to helping Californians advance in their careers**

Top in-demand jobs highlighted in each region of the state

SACRAMENTO – If you're ready to get that dream job – or climb the career ladder – the California Employment Development Department (EDD) is ready to help connect you to your next career. This Labor Day, EDD is launching a special [Labor Day public education campaign](#) that features the top in-demand jobs in each region of the state, inspiring stories of Californians who landed the jobs they wanted, and videos about résumé writing, interviewing skills, and other job search assistance available.

California's labor market conditions for workers and prospective workers are more favorable than they have been for more than a decade. EDD projects nearly 1.6 million new and replacement job openings in the state from mid-2016 through mid-2018.

The state has added 2.6 million jobs since its economic expansion began in February 2010, the current unemployment rate of 4.8 percent is near record lows, and the economy is at full employment. Employers are looking for employees with in-demand skills, and EDD encourages workers and job seekers to pursue career advancement opportunities and to take advantage of the department's employment services.

"EDD is here to help Californians tap into their potential – and the time to take the next step up the career ladder is now," said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning. "EDD can help job seekers, or anyone ready to take on a new career, sharpen their skills, and find out what jobs are going to be most in demand. In turn, employers can use EDD as a great resource to find trained and qualified workers."

The [EDD Labor Day web page](#) provides job seekers and employers with the information they need, including:

- **The annual 2017 Labor Day Briefing** that details current labor market conditions in the state.

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- **Top in-demand jobs**, including total job openings and median annual wages, for each of these 14 regions of the state:
 - North State
 - Humboldt
 - North Bay
 - Capital
 - East Bay
 - Bay-Peninsula
 - Middle Sierra
 - Coastal
 - San Joaquin Valley
 - Ventura
 - Los Angeles Basin
 - Orange
 - Inland Empire
 - Southern Border
- **Success Stories** from many regions of the state illustrating how EDD has linked people to employment services, training, and jobs.
- **A “Toolbox for Job Seekers”** with resources for career exploration, job seeking, and training, including CalJOBSSM – California’s online job matching system.
- **America’s Job Center of CaliforniaSM Locations** where job seekers and business owners can access local no-fee employment services and training resources.

Media Video Package:

- **State of California’s economy, top jobs and EDD services** – Interview and soundbites with EDD Director Patrick W. Henning.
- **EDD Interview Workshop for Job Seekers at a local America’s Job Center of CaliforniaSM** – B-roll and soundbites from a recent EDD Interview Workshop for Job Seekers at a local AJCC.
- **EDD Résumé Workshop for Job Seekers at a local America’s Job Center of CaliforniaSM** – B-roll and soundbites from a recent EDD Résumé Workshop for Job Seekers at a local AJCC.
Similar workshops to those featured in the videos are available at local AJCCs throughout the state.

Contact the EDD Communications Office for broadcast quality video at MediaInquiries@edd.ca.gov.

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