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Employment Development Department awards \$757,700 grant to help 100 laid-off workers in Los Angeles start new careers

SACRAMENTO – The California Employment Development Department (EDD) today awarded the Verdugo Workforce Development Board \$757,700 to help 100 recently laid-off workers in the Los Angeles area find new careers in high tech, advanced manufacturing and other growing industries.

“This grant will help these workers move quickly back into the workforce, often with new skills that open the way to careers with a bright future,” said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning. “Many of the laid-off workers already have medium-to-high-level skills but need to adapt to new industries. With the help of this grant, they will be able to make that transition.”

The workers lost their jobs during mass layoffs at 10 local companies, including Walt Disney Parks and Resorts, DreamWorks Animation/NBC Universal Media, Warner Music Inc., and Nestlé.

The workers will receive career assessments, classroom training, on-the job training and job search assistance. Customized hiring recruitments will help the workers who have in-demand skills move immediately into new jobs.

Funding for the grant comes from the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Governor’s discretionary funds and is under the administrative authority of the EDD and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.

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