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More than \$4 Million in Recovery Act Training Grants Will Help Californians Secure Job Skills in Growing Industries

SACRAMENTO – More than \$4 million in America Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act) funds will be used to develop innovative programs that train low-income, unemployed and under-skilled Californians for jobs in industries such as health care, information technology and alternative energy.

“These Recovery Act funds will provide Californians with a useful opportunity to obtain the necessary skills for the jobs of the future,” said Rick Rice, senior advisor to the Governor and director of the California Recovery Task Force.

Five agencies will receive a total of \$4,032,000 in Recovery Act funds to train approximately 725 people for occupations that employers designated as in-demand occupations, including network administrators, computer support specialists, alternative fuel mechanics, paramedics, pharmacy assistants, home health aides, medical coders and dental assistants.

“We are committed not only to putting Californians back to work quickly but to also train them for jobs of the future,” said Victoria Bradshaw, Secretary of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency. “We’re focusing our efforts on workers who face special challenges and train them for careers in industries that need workers today and offer the opportunity to move upward tomorrow.”

The projects will focus on training and job placement for low-income, unemployed, dislocated workers or under-skilled adults ages 18 and older who face challenges in regaining employment. The projects, supported by collaboration among workforce investment agencies and industries, will play a major role in the recovery and expansion of local and regional economies.

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The following are the agencies receiving Training Grants:

| Awardees | County | Recovery Act Award |
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| San Diego College | San Diego | \$851,216 |
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| Elk Grove Unified School District | Sacramento | \$459,310 |
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| Archdiocesan Youth Employment Services of Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc. | Los Angeles | \$975,299 |
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| Community Career Development | Los Angeles | \$975,299 |
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| North Central Counties Consortium | Sutter | \$770,876 |
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| Total | | \$4,032,000 |

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has authorized funding for these grants to be drawn from the Governor’s 15 percent Discretionary Workforce Investment Act under the administrative authority of the state Employment Development Department, as directed by the Labor and Workforce Development Agency.

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