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\$12.7 Million in Grants Will Help 2,200 California Veterans Move Into High-Wage Jobs in Clean Energy and Other Growing Industries

SACRAMENTO – New state grants totaling \$12.7 million will help more than 2,200 California veterans find high-wage civilian jobs in the growing industries of the future and at the same time help revitalize the state’s economy.

“Our men and women in uniform put their lives on the line everyday to protect the freedoms we enjoy here at home. With more returning veterans here in California than in any other state, I am absolutely committed to ensuring they are given the tools they need to be successful,” said Governor Schwarzenegger. “In January I initiated California’s Operation Welcome Home to reach out to recently returning veterans and connect them with jobs, training, education, health and other needed benefits that will give them the tool to succeed in civilian life. These grants will help our veterans transition into well-paying jobs that lead to successful careers in clean and renewable energy and other growing industries here in California.”

More than 2,200 veterans will receive assistance through \$12.7 million in Workforce Investment Act (WIA) funds. Recently separated veterans will get top priority but the grants will also provide services to many other veterans, including those with service-connected disabilities or significant barriers to employment and veterans who served on active duty during a war or in a campaign. Eligible spouses will also receive assistance.

Funding for these grants comes from the Governor’s Discretionary 15 Percent funds and will cover two program years, 2010-11 and 2011-12, and subject to federal funding availability. The California Labor and Workforce Development Agency’s Employment Development Department exercises oversight authority for the funds.

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A list of the grant recipients follows.

Awardees' Name	County	Amount Approved
Asian American Drug Abuse Program (AADAP)	Los Angeles	\$989,982.00
Community Career Development	Los Angeles	\$989,982.00
Fresno County	Fresno	\$333,333.00
Humboldt County	Humboldt	\$500,000.00
Imperial Valley Regional Occupation	Imperial	\$997,680.00
Inter-City Services, Incorporated	Alameda	\$989,982.00
Kern/Inyo/Mono Consortium	Kern	\$989,982.00
LA Works	Los Angeles	\$715,963.00
Managed Career Solutions, Inc	Los Angeles	\$989,982.00
Orange County	Orange	\$989,983.00
Playa Vista Job Opportunities and Business Services	Los Angeles	\$600,000.00
South Bay Center for Counseling	Los Angeles	\$989,982.00
Swords to Plowshares	San Francisco	\$989,982.00
Vietnam Veterans of San Diego	San Diego	\$700,000.00
West Hills Community College District	Fresno	\$933,167.00
Total Amount Awarded		\$12,700,000.00

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