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**State grant will help 362 laid-off workers in Solano County  
find new jobs in growing industries**

**SACRAMENTO** – The state Employment Development Department (EDD) has awarded a \$466,447 grant to the Solano County Workforce Investment Board to assist 362 workers laid-off from O’Reilly Auto Parts to find new jobs in growing industries. The workers were laid off from the company’s warehouse distribution center in Dixon.

“Like many others in the state, Solano County has experienced layoffs and business closings,” said Pam Harris, EDD chief deputy director. “This state grant will provide these workers with the types of skills they will need to find new jobs that are in demand within their local communities.”

The grant was awarded to the Solano County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) to provide needed core job services to the laid-off workers, such as skill assessments, case management and job development services, retraining, and assistance in job searches. The goal is to transition job seekers into high-wage, high-skill occupations in health care, clean or green energy-related industries, truck driving, and general office employment.

The Solano County WIB will also foster a partnership with O’Reilly Auto Parts (formerly Kragen/CSK Auto Parts) and the local One Stop Career Centers. Local publicly-funded community college, adult schools and local union apprenticeship programs will serve as a referral source for education and training.

Funding for the program is drawn from the Governor’s 25 percent portion of Dislocated Worker Funds from Title I of the federal Workforce Investment Act and is under the administrative authority of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency’s EDD.

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