

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Veterans' Employment-Related Assistance Program (VEAP) PY 2015-16

AWARD LIST AND PROJECT SUMMARIES

On June 10, 2016, \$5 million of WIOA, Governor's Discretionary 15 percent funds and 25 percent Dislocated Worker funds were awarded to 11 organizations under the Veterans Employment-related Assistance Program Year 2015/16 Solicitation for Proposals. Awardee Project list and Project summaries are listed below. Award decisions are final.

PROJECT LIST

	APPLICANT NAME	COUNTY	15 PERCENT	25 PERCENT	TOTAL AWARD
1	Able-Disabled Advocacy, Inc.	San Diego	\$270,000	\$230,000	\$500,000
2	Jewish Vocational Service, Los Angeles	Los Angeles	\$243,000	\$207,000	\$450,000
3	Riverside County Economic Development Agency- Workforce Development	Riverside	\$270,000	\$230,000	\$500,000
4	Orange County Workforce Investment Board	Orange	\$270,000	\$230,000	\$500,000
5	United States Veterans Initiative	Los Angeles	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000
6	Asian American Drug Abuse Program, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$270,000	\$230,000	\$500,000
7	Community Career Development, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$270,000	\$230,000	\$500,000
8	Vietnam Veterans of San Diego	San Diego	\$270,000	\$230,000	\$500,000
9	Swords to Plowshares	San Francisco	\$270,000	\$230,000	\$500,000
10	Workforce Development Board of Madera County/ Madera County Workforce Investment Corporation	Madera	\$112,378	\$95,728	\$208,106
11	North Central Counties Consortium	Colusa, Glenn, Sutter, Yuba	\$270,000	\$230,000	\$500,000

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APPLICANT	ABLE-DISABLED ADVOCACY, INC. (A-DA) 4283 El Cajon Boulevard, Suite 110 San Diego, CA 92105
CONTACT	Ms. Elaine Cooluris (619) 231-5990, ext. 319 elaine@able2work.org
AWARD	\$500,000
INDUSTRY FOCUS	Information and Communications Technology, Business Services, & Healthcare
TARGETED PARTICIPANTS	120 Participants, 102 Veterans with Significant Barriers, 18 Recently Separated.
KEY PARTNERS	A-DA will be working with ResCare America's Job Center of California (AJCC), San Diego Veteran Centers, Department of Rehabilitation, San Diego Veterans Council, San Diego Workforce Partnership, San Diego Housing Commission, County Veterans Services Office, Jobs for Veterans State Grant, Employment Development Department, AJCC Network, Regional Task Force on the Homeless and Hire G.I.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Program activities include ongoing vocational assessments, career counseling, Occupational skills training, financial management, internships, career advancement services and extensive follow-up/retention services. Industry professionals will act as "Career Mentors". Each trainee will be assigned an Academic Advisor for long term educational counseling and support, have access to tutoring and supervised learning labs. VEAP services will be co-located at the AJCC.
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	There will be an estimated 120 participants, with 90 participants expected to obtain a credential, and 84 placed in employment.

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APPLICANT	JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICE – LOS ANGELES (JVS) 6505 Wilshire Boulevard Suite 200 Los Angeles, CA 90048
CONTACT	Ms. Claudia Finkel (323) 761-8897 cfinkel@jvsla.org
AWARD	\$450,000
INDUSTRY FOCUS	Information & Communications Technology, Construction, Green Energy, Transportation, Protective Services.
TARGETED PARTICIPANTS	145 Participants
KEY PARTNERS	JVS will be working with SKANSA, MC-TEL Communications, West LA City College, West LA Veteran Center, City of LA Workforce Development Board, LA County Workforce Development Board, San Fernando/Antelope Valley Region, South/West LA Region, and the Employment Development Department (EDD).
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	JVS will expand current partnerships to increase number of veterans trained in growing industries. Expand outreach to recently separated veterans and provide holistic services that bridge the transition from military to civilian workforce. Services include intensive case management, comprehensive career and skill assessments, job readiness activities, and relevant sector training.
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	There will be an estimated 145 participants, 145 placed in training, 120 will complete Industry Recognized Training, 110 placed in unsubsidized employment.

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APPLICANT	RIVERSIDE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY 1325 Spruce Street, Suite 110 Riverside, CA 92507
CONTACT	Ms. Heidi Marshall (951) 955-6615 hmarshall@rivcoeda.org
AWARD	\$500,000
INDUSTRY FOCUS	Advance manufacturing, Logistics, Healthcare, Construction, Renewable Energy
TARGETED PARTICIPANTS	75 recently separated, disabled or special disabled veterans with significant barriers to success, including homelessness, offenders, lacking high School diploma and low income status.
KEY PARTNERS	Riverside County Economic Development Agency (EDA), Riverside County Housing Authority, Local Area Community Colleges, Coachella Valley Economic Partnership, Community Based Organizations, Regional employers.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	This program provides individual employment plans that will be developed based upon assessing the unique needs of each participant. Options will include: workshops designed for veterans transitioning into civilian careers; post-secondary education in one of the five targeted industries leading to industry recognized credentials or certificates; post-training earn and learn activities; OJT, job search and employment assistance; individualized support services; and follow-up activities.
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	There will be an estimated 75 Participants, all placed in training, 60 will enter unsubsidized employment, and 42 will obtain Industry Recognized Certificate.

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APPLICANT	ORANGE COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD 1300 South Grand Avenue Building B, 3rd Floor Santa Ana, CA 92705
CONTACT	Mr. Andrew Munoz (714) 480-6500 Andrew.munoz@occr.ocgov.com
AWARD	\$500,000
INDUSTRY FOCUS	Healthcare, Professional Services, Hospitality
TARGETED PARTICIPANTS	100 recently separated veterans, veterans with significant needs for training, veterans with disabilities, and those with barriers to achieving and maintaining stable employment.
KEY PARTNERS	Orange County will work with PGWIN, Veterans First, AMVETS, Department Of Veteran Affairs, UC Irvine, Long Beach Health System, Saddleback VETS Programs, Neighboring Workforce Development Boards, Orange County Health Care Agency, Department of Defense, Orange County Veterans Service Office, and the Employment Development Department.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Service delivery plan includes the availability of a wide range of training options, an effective system to assess individual needs and career planning, and access to an array of support services most needed by veterans and their families.
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	There will be an estimated 100 Participants, all placed in training, 80 completing training, 60 placed in unsubsidized employment.

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APPLICANT	UNITED STATES VETERANS INITIATIVE 733 Hindry Avenue Inglewood, CA 90301
CONTACT	Mr. Ivan Mason, Executive Director (310)744-6522 imason@usvetsinc.org
AWARD	\$300,000
INDUSTRY OF FOCUS	Aerospace and Technology, Healthcare, International Trade, Tourism, Construction.
TARGETED PARTICIPANTS	200 veterans with significant barriers to employment, service-connected veterans, disabled veterans, campaign veterans, homeless veterans, veterans recently released from incarceration, recently separated veterans, veterans lacking a high school diploma or equivalent certificate and/or low income veterans.
KEY PARTNERS	US Veteran Initiative will work with Local Area Workforce Investment Boards, Jobs for Veterans State Grant, Advocacy groups, training providers, and employers, U.S.VETS-Long Beach partners with AJCC network, Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network, and Job centers working with U.S. Vets.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Develop and implement unique, creative and innovative employment/training related services that enhance and facilitate the rapid re-employment of eligible veteran. It is designed to accelerate the veteran's ability to utilize their valuable experience obtained during military service in productive high demand civilian occupations.
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	There will be an estimated 200 participants, with all placed in training, 160 with significant barriers to employment, and 40 to obtain industry recognized certificates.

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APPLICANT	ASIAN AMERICAN DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM, INC. 2900 South Crenshaw Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90016
CONTACT	Mr. Mike Watanabe, President & CEO (323) 293-6284 miwat@aadapinc.org
AWARD	\$500,000
INDUSTRY OF FOCUS	Security, Computer-related/Information Technology, Telecommunications, and Construction.
TARGETED PARTICIPANTS	150 Service-connected disabled veterans, campaign veterans; recently separated veterans; minority veterans; veterans with significant barriers, and spouses of veterans that are eligible for the program.
KEY PARTNERS	AADAP will work with Los Angeles City and County Workforce Development Boards, Local Employment Development Department (EDD), industry employers, military Institutions, community colleges, industry training providers, and community and faith-based organizations.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	The strategies for this project include a comprehensive approach to workforce development integrated with education and workforce preparation linked to job placements; advance education to facilitate career pathways and advancements; structured job training to build work experience, support services to reduce or eliminate barriers; collaboration with regional partners, sector industry employers within the region, community colleges and training providers for target industries.
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	There will be an estimated 150 participants, all placed in training, 52 to obtain an industry recognized certificate, and 90 to enter unsubsidized employment.

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APPLICANT	COMMUNITY CAREER DEVELOPMENT, INC. 3550 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 500 Los Angeles, CA 90010
CONTACT	Alberto Uribe, Executive Director (213) 805-4273 auribe@communitycareer.org
AWARD	\$500,000
INDUSTRY OF FOCUS	Transportation/Public Transit, Biomedical Science, Healthcare, Telecommunications, Global Logistics, Security.
TARGETED PARTICIPANTS	140 veterans recently separated within 48 months, veterans released under conditions other than dishonorable, veterans with service-connected disabilities, campaign veterans, eligible spouses and veterans with significant barriers to employment.
KEY PARTNERS	Community Career Development will work with LA County & City Workforce Development Boards, Employment Development Department (EDD) JSVG Program Staff, LA County Department of Military & Veterans Affairs (VSO), VA Healthcare System & Vets Centers, Salvation Army/Haven, VOALA, U.S.Vets, Telacu Veterans Upward Bound, Veterans Advocacy Group of America, USC/School of Social Work, Community Colleges; Adult School & Certified Vocational Trainers, Department of Rehabilitation, Legal Aid Foundation, Armed Forces Services Corp., and Veterans Career Xchange.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	The project will integrate WIOA basic and individualized career, support and follow-up services, as well as pre-employment activities through orientation, workshops and presentations. The project is designed to address barriers to employment, provide industry-recognized certified training and professional coaching. Key features include Employment Development Department (EDD) and partner collaboration, case/co-case management, life and financial coaching, employer engagement and education, and earn and learn opportunities to support employment and facilitate career advancement.
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	There will be an estimated 140 participants, all placed in training, 98 to obtain an industry recognized certificate, 84 expected to secure employment.

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APPLICANT	VIETNAM VETERANS OF SAN DIEGO (VVSD) 4141 Pacific Highway San Diego, CA 92110
CONTACT	Mr. David Siegler (619) 520-8007 David.Siegler@vvsd.net
AWARD	\$500,000
INDUSTRY OF FOCUS	Medical Fields, Transportation, and Security.
TARGETED PARTICIPANTS	VVSD will serve 85 veterans with significant barriers to employment such as addiction, homelessness, prior criminal convictions, and recently separated veterans and eligible spouses from all eras.
KEY PARTNERS	VVSD will work with EDD DVOP's/LVER's, Local WIB, CVSO, VA, Western Truck School, Nanpor Security, Family Health Centers, The Local dental Society, and Local AJCC's
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Program will provide comprehensive pre-employment and training services. Services include VA medical care including Therapists, Employment Specialists, Drug Treatment Counselors, job training and placement assistance, vocational training, and medical education.
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	There will be an estimated 105 participants, all placed in training, and 71 placed into long term careers.

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APPLICANT	SWORDS TO PLOWSHARES 1060 Howard Street San Francisco, CA 94103
CONTACT	Dave Lopez, Associate Director of Programs & Operations (415)252-4788 dlopez@stp-sf.org
AWARD	\$500,000
INDUSTRY FOCUS	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (PSTS)
TARGETED PARTICIPANTS	The project will target 120 veterans with significant barriers to employment and will give high priority to recently separated veterans, veterans with disabilities, Reservists, and CA National Guardsmen and women.
KEY PARTNERS	Swords to Plowshares will work with PG&E, Tulsa Inspection, and E2 Consulting Engineers.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	The Veterans Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services Training Program will prepare 120 veterans for careers in the PSTS sector through an industry-recognized certificate training program developed in partnership with PSTS employers and training providers in the greater San Francisco Bay Area. This project engages industry employers in the program development and design, and provides job placement/career opportunities. Program participants will receive case management and supportive services, mental health services, classroom certificate, training instruction, job readiness and pre-employment services, job search, job placement and retention services through Swords to Plowshares, Employment Development Department Disabled Veterans Outreach Program and Local Veterans' Employment Representatives, community college partners, and other community partners including veteran service agencies.
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	There will be an estimated 120 participants, with all placed in training, 84 to obtain an Industry Recognized Certificate.

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APPLICANT	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD (WDB) OF MADERA COUNTY MADERA COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT CORPORATION 441 East Yosemite Avenue Madera, CA 93638
CONTACT	Ms. Elaine M. Craig, Executive Director (559)662- 4586 ecraig@maderaworkforce.org
AWARD	\$208,106
INDUSTRY FOCUS	Advanced Manufacturing Sector
TARGETED PARTICIPANTS	24 unemployed or underemployed veterans with significant barriers to employment. Veterans who are disabled, homeless, offenders, lacking a high school diploma, low-income, or who have been unemployed for 27 weeks or more in the previous 12 months.
KEY PARTNERS	The Workforce Development Board of Madera County will partner with Merced County WDB, Employment Development Department (EDD) Veteran Staff, Community Colleges, County Veterans' Services Offices, and local employers in the Manufacturing sector.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	Funding for this project will be used for the development of an individual employment plan which will include results from the assessment of transferable skills, supportive needs, labor market research and activities to attain goals. Training activities will be included in all plans and may include vocational training through an Individual Training Account, an on-the-job training opportunity, short term prevocational training and if needed subsidized work experience and transitional jobs. An intense case management partnership with participants, AJCC staff, EDD JVSG staff and other agencies will assure completion of training activities, job attainment and retention.
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	There will be an estimated 24 participants, all placed in training, 12 entering employment, and 13 attaining credentials.

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APPLICANT	NORTH CENTRAL COUNTIES CONSORTIUM (NCCC) 1110 Civic Center Boulevard, Suite 402A Yuba City, CA 95993
CONTACT	Ms. Nancy Crooks, Executive Director (530) 822-7145 ncrooks@ncen.org
AWARD	\$500,000
INDUSTRY FOCUS	Healthcare, Construction, Protective Services, Maintenance, Production, and Transportation.
TARGETED PARTICIPANTS	This project will serve 70 veterans who have significant barriers to employment, service-connected disabilities; campaign veterans; eligible spouses and recently-separated veterans.
KEY PARTNERS	NCCC American Job Centers of California (AJCC's) will partner with EDD Jobs for Veteran's State Grant (JVSG) staff including the Veteran Services Navigator (VSN), Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) and Local Veterans' Employment Representative (LVER) staff. The American Job Centers of California (AJCC's) in NCCC's four counties of Colusa, Glenn, Sutter and Yuba County Veteran Service Office. Central Valley Homeless Veterans Program.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	NCCC AJCC's will work with partner agencies to identify eligible veterans for enrollment into the program. Funding for this project will be used for the development of an individual employment plan which will include results from the assessment of transferable skills, assessment of supportive needs, labor market research, and activities to attain goals. Training activities will be included in all plans and may include vocational training through an Individual Training Account, an on-the-job training opportunity, short term pre-vocational training, and if needed, subsidized work experience and transitional jobs. An intense case management partnership with participants (AJCC and EDD JVSG staff) and other agencies will assure completion of training activities, job attainment, and retention.
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	There will be an estimated 70 participants, all placed in training, 42 to obtain Industry Recognized Certificate, and 46 placed in unsubsidized employment.