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**EDD awards \$988,500 to meet the demand for employment and training services to workers and businesses recovering from the pandemic**

SACRAMENTO—The California Employment Development Department (EDD) announced today it has awarded \$988,500 to the Alameda County Workforce Development Board (ACWDB) to support their outreach and reemployment services to dislocated workers and businesses adversely affected by the long-term economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The funds will provide these workers with new job skills, supportive services, and career guidance to help them get back to work in viable local industries,” said EDD Director, Rita Saenz.

ACWDB will use the funding to provide business and community assistance to deliver customized services including, career counseling, skills assessments, job training, and supportive services to dislocated workers, and conduct community outreach such as webinars, panels, and business resources events to inform businesses about available programs to upskill and train current staff.

These funds will enhance and expand services to both local businesses and dislocated workers in the hardest hit industries, including manufacturing, food services, hospitality, entertainment, transportation, healthcare, and life sciences. Through their programs, workers will learn new skills and develop pathways to new careers.

ACWDB is working with local businesses and industry partners such as Plastikon, Bay Ship & Yacht, Evolve Manufacturing, Association of Manufacturers Bay Area, and the Corporation for Manufacturing Excellence to ensure that individuals have career opportunities once they are ready to return to the workforce. Businesses that are looking to partner in this opportunity are encouraged to contact the ACWDB.

Funding for this grant was provided through discretionary funds made available to Governor Gavin Newsom in accordance with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and administered by the EDD and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.

For more information about the ACWDB and its programs, contact Carmelo San Mames, Senior Strategic Partnership Coordinator, at 510-259-3845.

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