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**This Labor Day, Employment Development Department  
spotlights efforts to connect workers with in-demand jobs**

***Top job-producing industries highlighted in each region of the state***

**SACRAMENTO** – This Labor Day, the Employment Development Department (EDD) is showcasing the current demand for skilled workers in California’s economy and the local employment services that connect job seekers with employers who are looking for workers with in-demand skills.

EDD’s [Labor Day 2018 website feature](#) highlights growing industries in the 14 economic regions of the state. It includes infographics and stories of how employers and the state’s workforce development system are teaming up to secure a supply of qualified job candidates for expanding employment opportunities.

“EDD supports California workers in their quest to improve their job prospects and advance their careers,” said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning. “EDD and its workforce development partners proudly provide the employment services that connect job seekers looking for promising careers with employers looking for trained and qualified employees.”

The EDD is also releasing its annual [Labor Day Briefing](#) which projects California’s economy will generate a total of 4.7 million job openings between the second quarters of 2017 and 2019. These openings are a combination of new jobs created and jobs that become available when workers leave the labor force or transfer to a different occupation.

California is now in the midst of the second-longest employment expansion on record – gaining more than twice as many jobs over the past nearly eight and a half years than it lost during the Great Recession. These job gains are spread across industry sectors with the largest number of new jobs expected in the educational services (private), health care, and social assistance sector, followed by the construction sector and leisure and hospitality sector.

EDD’s Labor Day website feature provides a more detailed view about the job growth driving the economy in California and in each region of the state, and includes:

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- **The 2018 Labor Day Briefing** which details current labor market conditions and job projections in the state.
- **Top 5 Job-producing Industries** including job projections and recent job openings for each of these 14 regions of the state:
 

•Bay-Peninsula	•Capital	•Coastal
•East Bay	•Humboldt	•Inland Empire
•Los Angeles Basin	•Middle Sierra	•North Bay
•North State	•Orange	•San Joaquin Valley
•Southern Border	•Ventura	
- **Success Stories** from each of the 14 regions illustrating how EDD and its workforce development partners have connected employers in expanding regional industries with qualified applicants.
- **America's Job Center of California<sup>SM</sup> Locations** where job seekers and business owners can access local no-fee employment services and training resources.
- **Media Video Package** with broadcast-quality videos on how employers and job seekers have successfully connected by using the assistance of local workforce development services in the Bay Area, Central Valley, Los Angeles and San Diego.
- **Video B-Roll and Soundbites for Media Use** including a selection of short video and audio clips from regional success stories. Contact the EDD Communications Office for broadcast quality video at [EDDMediaInquiries@edd.ca.gov](mailto:EDDMediaInquiries@edd.ca.gov)

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