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**EDD awards nearly \$1 million to help re-employ workers
affected by the Camp Fire in Butte County**

SACRAMENTO – The California Employment Development Department (EDD) announced it has awarded the Northern Rural Training and Employment Consortium (NoRTEC) \$999,500 to help re-employ 250 workers who lost their jobs in Butte County due to the Camp Fire.

“These job funds will help to put people back to work following this major disaster,” said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning.

NoRTEC will use the grant to provide out-of-work employees directly impacted by the fires with employment services including job searches, career counseling, skills assessments, resume and interview workshops, mentoring, employer recruitment assistance and job training opportunities.

The Camp Fire has destroyed thousands of homes and businesses including hotels, retail establishments, restaurants and the home offices of self-employed business owners. The services supported by the grant will help to prepare workers to find employment in local industries needed for rebuilding efforts such as construction, healthcare, administrative support and retail sales.

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

Workers, business owners and self-employed individuals who lost their jobs or had their work hours substantially reduced due to the fires in Butte, Ventura and Los Angeles counties may be eligible for [Disaster Unemployment Assistance](#) benefits. EDD encourages affected individuals to apply by the [December 14 filing deadline](#).

[EDD's Disaster-Related Services](#) webpage includes more information for individuals and businesses impacted by disasters, including tax filing extensions for affected employers. EDD also encourages individuals to visit the [Governor's Office of Emergency Services](#) wildfire recovery website for information on Local Assistance Centers where individuals, families and businesses can access disaster assistance programs and services.

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For more information on NoRTEC and its programs, contact Executive Director Michael Cross at (530) 518-5642.

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