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Employment Development Department awards nearly \$1 million to retrain workers laid off in the San Gabriel Valley

PASADENA – The California Employment Development Department (EDD) today announced it has awarded \$993,840 to the Foothill Workforce Development Board to provide training and re-employment services to 120 workers laid off from businesses in the San Gabriel Valley, including Woodward Inc., TIDI Products, LLC, OpenX Technologies, Inc. and Kaiser Permanente.

“These funds will help return job-seeking workers to gainful employment and empower them to forge new careers in growing industries,” said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning.

The Foothill Workforce Development Board will use the grant funds to prepare the laid-off workers for job opportunities in educational services, healthcare and social assistance, and leisure and hospitality. Training will include project management, supply chain management, Microsoft software and industry-specific skills. To hone the workers’ skills, they will take part in apprenticeships, on-the-job training and internships.

The workers will also receive career counseling, educational assessments and individual employment plans. The support services and training are being provided by the Foothill Workforce Development Board in coordination with Pasadena, Citrus, and Rio Hondo community colleges, and the local business association A Hire Path. Courses will be available evenings and weekends, and through classrooms or online.

Funding for this grant was provided through the 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 Foothill County Workforce Development Board and its programs, contact Executive Director Dianne Russell-Carter at (626) 584-8395.

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