



## DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT ACCELERATOR PY 2016-17 AWARDS

The Employment Development Department (EDD), in coordination with the California Workforce Development Board, and on behalf of the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, is pleased to announce the awarding of \$2 million in grants for the Disability Employment Accelerator (DEA) program for Program Year (PY) 2016-17. The DEA program will focus on creating linkages and engaging businesses in high-growth industries. Seven workforce development agencies were selected for funding. Funds will connect applicants and employers in six California regions: Los Angeles, Sacramento, Golden Sierra, North Central, Kern, and Madera.

All seven entities submitted proposals via a competitive process. Entities receiving funding will strive to use these business linkages to develop “earn and learn” service strategies (e.g., Work Experience, Transitional Jobs, On-the-Job Training, etc.) to ensure that people with disabilities have the necessary skills to obtain and retain competitive, integrated employment.

A list of the awardees and descriptions of their projects is available on the [EDD Workforce Development Solicitations for Proposals](#) website.

If you have any questions regarding the DEA grant solicitation, email [WSBGrants@edd.ca.gov](mailto:WSBGrants@edd.ca.gov).

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