AWARD LIST AND PROJECT SUMMARIES

On May 13, 2019, $2,000,000 of WIOA, Governor’s Discretionary 15 percent funds were awarded to six organizations under the Disability Employment Accelerator (DEA) Program Year (PY) 2018-19 Solicitation for Proposals. Awardee project list and project summaries are listed below. Funding decisions are final.

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PROJECT SUMMARIES

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APPLICANT  Verdugo Workforce Development Board
1255 S. Central Avenue
Glendale, CA 91204

CONTACT  Judith Velasco, Executive Director
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AWARD  $350,000

INDUSTRY FOCUS  Information Technology and Cybersecurity, Logistics, Computer Numerical Control Machinists, and Electronic Technology Technicians.

TARGETED PARTICIPANTS  65 Participants
Individuals with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities and target individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders

KEY PARTNERS  • Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Title I, II, III, and IV staff Glendale LEARNS/Adult Education Program
• Employment Development Department (EDD) (Title III)
• Glendale Community College (GCC)
• Foothill Special Education Local Planning Area,
• Glendale Unified School District Transition Resources
• Employer partners; include Paulsson Inc., Xceliron, and S&H Machine
• Lanterman Regional Center

PROJECT DESCRIPTION  This grant will provide needed funding for people with disabilities (PWD) to enter mid-level occupations or higher and earn commensurate wages. The Regional Technology and Manufacturing Academy is a unique project developed with employers to ensure hiring needs are met. The employers will continue to monitor and provide input into the curriculum and program implementation to identify and address improvement. Through an existing integrated partnership, using a universal intake and strategic co-enrollment process it is expected that close to 100 percent of participants will be co-enrolled by the key partners. Career assessments, planning, work experience, On-The-Job Training, job placement, job coaching, and retention are services included in the integrated continuum of care model approach.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES  65 Participants Served
• 33 Completing Earn and Learn work-based training
• 17 College graduates with disabilities will complete Earn and Learn work based training
• 46 Entering Employment

3 Business Partners
APPLICANT  Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA)  
925 Del Paso Blvd., Suite 100  
Sacramento, CA 95815

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AWARD  $350,000

INDUSTRY FOCUS  Civil Service, Engineering/Advanced Manufacturing and Production, Health Services, Information and Communications Technology, Construction, including Construction Management, and Education and Knowledge Creation.

TARGETED PARTICIPANTS  60 Participants  
College graduates with disabilities and other individuals, specifically those with developmental disabilities.

KEY PARTNERS  
• Crossroads Diversified, Inc.  
• Folsom Cordova Community Partnership  
• California Workforce Association  
• The Department of Rehabilitation  
• Alta Regional Center  
• Los Rios Community College District  
• California State University, Sacramento  
• NorCal Center on Deafness  
• Sacramento Works America’s Job Centers of California  
• Goodwill Sacramento Valley & Northern Nevada  
• Pride Industries  
• Sacramento City College Disability Student Program Services

PROJECT DESCRIPTION  SETA will increase employment of people with disabilities in regional high demand sectors through employer education and engagement, work-based learning, and a multi-disciplinary approach to job coaching/case management. In addition, SETA will conduct targeted outreach and recruitment to college graduates with a disability at key partner locations. Participants will be provided with job readiness, job search assistance, job development, short term vocational training, and On-the-Job Training opportunities. Participants will gain interview skills, develop an effective resume, and develop the tools needed to continue in a career pathway/career advancement beyond participation in this grant, as well as, initial employment opportunity.
EXPECTED OUTCOMES

60 Participants Served
- 26 Completing Earn and Learn work based training
- 13 College graduates with disabilities will complete Earn and Learn work based training
- 39 Entering Employment

3 Business Partners
APPLICANT  Able-Disabled Advocacy, Inc. (A-DA)  
4283 El Cajon Blvd., Suite 110  
San Diego, CA 92105

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(619) 231-5990 Ext. 319  
elaine@able2work.org

AWARD  $350,000

INDUSTRY FOCUS  Information & Communications Technology, Business Services and Financial Services industry sectors

TARGETED PARTICIPANTS  70 Participants  
People with Disabilities (PWD) including PWD with visual, hearing orthopedic and learning challenges; Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, sexual trauma, and other mental health disorders; substance abuse issues; Autism Spectrum Disorder, Asperger’s, developmental disabilities, and systemic disorders.

KEY PARTNERS  • San Diego Workforce Partnership  
• San Diego Vet Centers  
• The Employment Development Department’s Wagner-Peyser Program  
• San Diego Housing Commission  
• and the EDD’s Central Office  
• the San Diego Veterans Council  
• KRA’s America’s Job Center of CaliforniaSM  
• Department of Rehabilitation County Veterans Services Office

PROJECT DESCRIPTION  A-DA services will be offered in a comprehensive and customized fashion in order to meet the unique needs of each PWD and to ensure informed choice and program engagement. Program activities will include ongoing vocational assessments, intensive career counseling, disability benefits training and individual counseling, work readiness/soft skills training, financial management, paid Internships and on-the-job trainings, job development and placement assistance, career advancement services, and extensive follow-up/retention services. The project will also provide mental health and substance abuse counseling, childcare and housing assistance, and a wide range of other personal, professional, financial support services, which will be delivered using an intensive client-centered case management approach.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES  70 Participants Served  
• 34 Completing Earn and Learn work-based training  
• 32 College graduates with disabilities will complete Earn and Learn work based training  
• 52 Entering Employment  
33 Business Partners
Applicant: Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County
309 West Main Street, Suite 120
Visalia, CA 93291

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Award: $250,000


Targeted Participants: 40 Participants
People with Disabilities (PWD) ages 18 and over including; individuals with hearing and visual impairments, cognitive and sensory impairments, physical disabilities, learning disabilities, and mental health disabilities.

Key Partners:
- The Employment Development Department
- College of the Sequoias’ WorkAbility III
- Porterville College’s Disability Resource Center
- CSU Fresno Access’s Workability IV
- The Department of Rehabilitation
- The Ticket to Success Employment
- The Community Services Employment Training/Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- Housing and Disability Income Advocacy Program
- VITA
- Healthcare Advisory Committee
- The Industrial Advisory Committee

Project Description: TCWIB’s Disability Employment Accelerator (DEA) project will address the high-level of unemployment and poverty faced by PWD in Tulare County and ultimately leads participants to career pathways and lasting employment. Qualifying participants, in which the majority is college graduates, will participate in work-based training in Tulare County’s high demand industry sectors and will be compensated at or above minimum wage for similar job duties, training, and experiences that employees without disabilities earn. Participants will be co-enrolled in eligible programs and will gain access to wrap-around services (e.g., housing and utility assistance, tax preparation assistance, individualized benefits planning, work incentive guidance, DB 101 training).

Expected Outcomes:
- 40 Participants Served
- 16 Completing Earn and Learn work-based training
- 8 College graduates with disabilities will complete Earn and Learn work based training
- 28 Entering Employment

3 Business Partners
APPLICANT
Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board
10900 183rd St. #392
Cerritos, CA 90703

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AWARD
$350,000

INDUSTRY FOCUS
High-Tech Manufacturing, Drone Operations and Apprenticeship in the Hospitality industry.

TARGETED PARTICIPANTS
60 Participants
The project’s target population will be the high-functioning autistic population, which has an 80 percent unemployment rate (despite 35 percent of the population with college degrees). This group excels in academic achievement, particularly in highly technical areas, such as computer operation and technology, though that has not translated into employment.

KEY PARTNERS
- The Department of Rehabilitation, Uniquely Abled
- The Disability Services and Program Services
- SEVEN’s Camp
- Local Restaurants
- Cerritos College
- Local non-profit disability organizations

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
The project seeks to help all people with disabilities (PWD) acquire proven job skills through very short term training to access advanced manufacturing and drone industry opportunities. Industry certifications will open doors for PWD of On-the-Job Training (OJT) and the opportunity to prove their capabilities. Numerous disability partners will work with PWD during the training, OJT and post-employment period to address communications, social and soft skills barriers, and also to help the employer assimilate the PWD into the workplace and with the workforce.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES
60 Participants Served
- 34 Completing Earn and Learn work-based training
- 27 College graduates with disabilities will complete Earn and Learn work-based training
- 42 Entering Employment

5 Business Partners
APPLICANT  Employers' Training Resource  
16000 E. Belle Terrace  
Bakersfield, CA 93307  

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bills@kerncounty.com  

AWARD  $350,000  

INDUSTRY FOCUS  Healthcare, Transportation/Logistics, Manufacturing, Agriculture, and  
Tourism/Recreation/Entertainment/Retail.  

TARGETED PARTICIPANTS  60 Participants  
All People with Disabilities in two local workforce areas comprised of  
four counties. Half of the target population will be college graduates with  
an Associate’s Degree or better, whether at the start of services or  
graduating within the grant period. An additional focus to specifically  
target veteran populations through outreach in partnership with  
countywide veteran agencies.  

KEY PARTNERS  
• The Workforce Development Boards of Kings and Kern Inyo Mono  
• Two local Employment Development Department field offices  
• West Hills College Lemoore  
• College of the Sequoias  
• Taft Community College  
• Kings County Veterans Services Office  
• Kern County Veterans Services Department  
• Kings County Economic Development Corporation  
• Six Private Industry Partners  
• Bakersfield College  

PROJECT DESCRIPTION  
The partner counties in this application cover more than 9,556 square miles over two counties, comprising about 6% of California’s total area. To bring the highest number of services to a large, mostly rural area, in an economical and efficient manner requires innovation. This grant intends to use a mobile America’s Job Center of CaliforniaSM (AJCC) model to bring services to participants, whether they are located on a college campus, local veteran’s office, local behavioral/public health offices, or other location. This mobile AJCC will utilize a completely electronic platform to provide services to the client at their physical location, greatly broadening the impact of workforce on each local area. The mobile e-platform is not virtual services and will provide not just a mobile platform to provide services, but a physical case manager to respond to specific needs in person.  

EXPECTED OUTCOMES  60 Participants Served  
• 25 Completing Earn and Learn work-based training  
• 15 College graduates with disabilities will complete Earn and Learn work-based training  
• 42 Entering Employment  

8 Business Partners