AWARD LIST AND PROJECT SUMMARIES

On March 17, 2020, $1.8 million of the WIOA, Governor’s Discretionary 15 percent funds were awarded to six organizations under the Disability Employment Accelerator (DEA) Program Year (PY) 2019-20 Solicitation for Proposals. Awardee project list and project summaries are listed below. Funding decisions are final.

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Project Summaries

**APPLICANT**  
Workforce Development of Solano County  
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Fairfield, CA 94534

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**AWARD**  
$200,000

**INDUSTRY FOCUS**  
Manufacturing; transportation; logistics; construction; and trades

**TARGETED PARTICIPANTS**  
30 Participants

**KEY PARTNERS**  
- Button Transportation  
- Michael’s Transportation Services  
- Napa-Solano Building Trades Council  
- Solano County Office of Education  
- Solano Community College  
- Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District’s Adult School  
- The Department of Rehabilitation  
- North Bay Regional Center  
- Caminar  
- Dreamcatchers  
- Solano Diversified Services  
- Pride Industries  
- The Independent Living Resources of Solano and Contra Costa Counties  
- Employment Development Department

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**  
The project will focus on collaborative service delivery and continue to enhance system strategies in order to increase the long-term employment outcomes for people with disabilities in high-demand industries. The project will build upon the efforts of Solano's first Disability Employment Accelerator grant (PY 17-18) and enhance the employment resources and services for this population. The project will employ a Disability Resource Coordinator (DRC), and leverage Assembly Bill 111 and ticket-to-work programs for the success of the participant. Service delivery will include: alternative assessments; benefits counseling; job coaching; work-based learning (WBL) activities; job placement assistance; and retention services. The WBL opportunities will include: paid work experiences; transitional jobs; on-the-job training (OJT); and pre-apprenticeships or apprenticeships. Business partnerships and engagement will support attainment of participant outcomes.

**EXPECTED OUTCOMES**  
- 18 participants will retain employment at the second quarter after exit  
- 17 participants will retain employment at the fourth quarter after exit
• 8 participants will attain credential attainment within four quarters after exit
• 12 people with disabilities (PWD) with credentials will enroll
• 5 PWD scheduled for completion of credentials will enroll
• PWD enrolled with credentials and/or scheduled for completion of credentials will meet the performance goal rate of 57 percent
• 24 PWD will enroll in WBL activities
APPLICANT: Managed Career Solutions (MCS)  
3333 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 405  
Los Angeles, CA 90010

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1-213-355-5312  
pstarr@mcscareergroup.com

AWARD: $350,000

INDUSTRY FOCUS: Information technology; healthcare; hospitality; education and professional services.

TARGETED PARTICIPANTS: 67 Participants

KEY PARTNERS:  
- California State University Northridge (CSUN)  
- Los Angeles Community College District  
- Department of Rehabilitation Workability Program  
- Exceptional Minds Studio  
- American Hotel and Lodging Association  
- American Hotel and Lodging Educational Foundation  
- Children’s Hospital Los Angeles  
- Five Key Schools and Programs  
- Library Foundational Los Angeles  
- White Oak and C&C Documents  
- City of Los Angeles Department on Disability

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The MCS and DEA PY 19-20 have designed a program to strategically overcome barriers to employment faced by PWD. The MCS DRC is a fully certified Community Partner Work Incentives Counselor that will provide Social Security Administration benefits counseling to participants in order to help them understand how an entry into or return to work will impact their benefits. The MCS DRC will be co-located twice weekly on the campus of CSUN and work directly with Disability Resources and Educational Services (DRES) faculty, staff and Department of Rehabilitation Workability Counselors to engage soon to be and recent college graduates. The MCS DRC will also work collaboratively with staff of the Los Angeles Community College District’s nine campuses. Additionally, the MCS’ subcontracted partner City of Los Angeles Department on Disability will provide a PWD advocate, Deputy Disability Coordinator who will facilitate employer partner disability workplace trainings alongside the DOR and outreach to work-ready PWD to participate in the City of Los Angeles Targeted Local Hire project as well as encourage the City of Los Angeles numerous departments to prioritize hiring persons with diverse abilities.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES:  
- 42 participants will retain employment at the second quarter after exit  
- 40 participants will retain employment at the fourth quarter after exit  
- 37 participants will attain credential attainment within four quarters after exit  
- 20 PWD with credentials will enroll
• PWD enrolled with credentials and/or scheduled for completion of credentials will meet the performance goal rate of 60 percent
• 36 PWD will enroll in WBL activities
APPLICANT  
**North Central Counties Consortium (NCCC)**  
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Yuba City, CA 95993

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AWARD  
$350,000

INDUSTRY FOCUS  
Healthcare; early childhood education; agribusiness; business; welding; landscaping and maintenance; automotive repair; and social services

TARGETED PARTICIPANTS  
60 Participants

KEY PARTNERS  
- Yuba College  
- NCCC American’s Job Centers of California SM (AJCC)  
- Disabled Student Services (DSS)  
- Butte College

PROJECT DESCRIPTION  
The funding for this project will be used for the outreach and recruitment of PWD from the local community college and will include the following services: assessment of transferable skills; assessment of supportive needs; labor market research; job development and work readiness skills; resumes; interviewing; etc. The WBL activities will include: work experience; transitional jobs; OJT; pre-apprenticeship; and apprenticeship. The AJCC staff, DSS staff and other agencies will assure completion of WBL activities, job attainment and job retention.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES  
- 42 participants will retain employment at the second quarter after exit  
- 38 participants will retain employment at the fourth quarter after exit  
- 5 participants will attain credential attainment within four quarters after exit  
- 10 PWD with credentials will enroll  
- 30 PWD scheduled for completion of credentials will enroll  
- PWD enrolled with credentials and/or scheduled for completion of credentials will meet the performance goal rate of 67 percent  
- 40 PWD will enroll in WBL activities.
APPLICANT  Madera County Workforce Investment Board  
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Madera, CA 93637  

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AWARD  $300,000  

INDUSTRY FOCUS  Early childhood education; early childhood development; healthcare; administrative support; accounting  

TARGETED PARTICIPANTS  50 Participants  

KEY PARTNERS  
• Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)  
• Employment Development Department  
• Madera Community College Center (MCCC)  
• Oakhurst Community College Center (OCCC)  
• Disabled Student Programs and Services Office  
• Community Action Partnership of Madera County (CAPMC)  
• California State University Fresno  
• Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS)  
• Exact Staff  
• Camarena Health  

PROJECT DESCRIPTION  Increasing and retaining long-term employment for PWD by way of early implementation of benefits counseling by the DRC who will be embedded on the campus of MCCC, OCCC, and Fresno State. The DRC will work closely with DOR Counselors, MCCC/OCCC’s, and Fresno State’s Job Developer, and DSPS staff to outreach to all interested students and recent graduates. Students will be enrolled in WIOA prior to completion of their post-secondary credential for assistance with WBL opportunities. The DSPS counselors will also reach out to their alumni and recent graduates and invite them to connect with the DRC for additional services and referrals to the assigned career specialist, who will provide intensive career counseling and case management. Camarena Health, CAPMC, and Exact Staff will become worksites for WBL activities that lead to gainful employment. Worksite agreements will outline specific information regarding skill gaps and the development of skills in the areas of highest need.  

EXPECTED OUTCOMES  
• 33 participants will retain employment at the second quarter after exit  
• 31 participants will retain employment at the fourth quarter after exit  
• 27 participants will attain credential attainment within four quarters after exit  
• 20 PWD with credentials will enroll  
• PWD enrolled with credentials and/or scheduled for completion of credentials will meet the performance goal rate of 60 percent  
• 25 PWD will enroll in WBL activities.
APPLICANT  JVS SoCal
6505 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 200
Los Angeles, CA 90048

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AWARD  $250,000

INDUSTRY FOCUS  Healthcare; transportation; logistics; construction; protective services; aviation/aerospace; education; and machinist.

TARGETED PARTICIPANTS  40 Participants

KEY PARTNERS  • County of Los Angeles Workforce Board
• City of Los Angeles Workforce Development Board
• Economic and Workforce Development Department
• Employment Development Department
• Department of Rehabilitation
• Los Angeles County Department of Military and Veteran Affairs
• University of Laverne
• California State University Northridge
• Rio Hondo College
• Coastline College
• SoCal Gas
• GRID LA
• Absolute International Security
• Belmont Senior Living
• Absolute International Security
• JVS Works

PROJECT DESCRIPTION  Working out of the veterans AJCC operated by JVS SoCal, this project will identify people with disabilities who are veterans and have or are working towards a recognized postsecondary credential to receive career readiness and employment services including: creating an individualized employment plan with the DRC to obtain a postsecondary credential if needed, and placing the client in WBL with employer partners. The participants will work towards obtaining employment in a high-growth industry during or at the completion of the program. After obtaining employment, the JVS SoCal career coach will continue to contact the employer and the client to drive productive connections that ensure job retention.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES  • 27 participants will retain employment at the second quarter after exit
• 25 participants will retain employment at the fourth quarter after exit
• 22 participants will attain credential attainment within four quarters after exit; 19 people with disabilities (PWD) with credentials will enroll
• 3 PWD scheduled for completion of credentials will enroll
- the PWD enrolled with credentials and/or scheduled for completion of credentials will meet the performance goal rate of 55 percent
- 20 PWD will enroll in WBL activities
APPLICANT  Golden Sierra Job Training Agency  
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Roseville, CA 95661  

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galipo@goldensierra.com  

AWARD  $350,000  

INDUSTRY FOCUS  Arts; entertainment; recreation; building and systems construction; healthcare; and social assistance  

TARGETED PARTICIPANTS  60 Participants  

KEY PARTNERS  • Sierra College  
• William Jessup University  
• Folsom Lake College (El Dorado Center)  
• Lake Tahoe Community College  
• PRIDE Industries  
• Alta Regional Center  
• Department of Rehabilitation  
• Employment Development Department  

PROJECT DESCRIPTION  The project will include the creation of 40 WBL opportunities that will lead to long-term employment, good wages, and a career ladder. Golden Sierra’s case management team, which includes a DRC will collaborate with local colleges to conduct targeted outreach and recruitment. Participants will receive support from a multi-disciplinary team of education professionals, counselors, advocates, and other key partners. The ultimate goal of the project is to improve the employment outcomes of PWD and close the gaps that exist between education providers and the workforce development system.  

EXPECTED OUTCOMES  • 45 participants will retain employment at the second quarter after exit  
• 42 participants will retain employment at the fourth quarter after exit  
• 45 participants will attain credential attainment within four quarters after exit  
• 24 PWD with credentials will enroll  
• 18 PWD scheduled for completion of credentials will enroll  
• PWD enrolled with credentials and/or scheduled for completion of credentials will meet the performance goal rate of 70 percent  
• 40 PWD will enroll in WBL activities