

AWARD LIST AND PROJECT SUMMARIES

On March 13, 2018, \$2 million of WIOA, Governor’s Discretionary 15 Percent funds were awarded to seven organizations under the Disability Employment Accelerator Program (DEA) for Program Year (PY) 2017-18 Solicitation for Proposals. Awardee project list and project summaries are listed below. Funding decisions are final.

PROJECT LIST

APPLICANT NAME	COUNTY	TOTAL AWARD
Workforce Development Board of Solano County	Solano	\$350,000
Merced County Department of Workforce Investment	Merced	\$250,000
South Bay Workforce Investment Board, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$350,000
Managed Career Solutions, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$350,000
Mother Lode Workforce Development Board	Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, Tuolumne	\$225,000
PathPoint	Santa Barbara	\$225,000
Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County	Contra Costa	\$250,000
Total		\$2,000,000

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Project Summaries

APPLICANT	Workforce Development Board of Solano County 320 Campus Drive Fairfield, CA 94534
CONTACT	Heather Henry, President/Executive Director Phone: (707) 863-3501 Email: hhenry@solanowdb.org
AWARD	\$350,000
INDUSTRY FOCUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Healthcare/Social Assistance• Advanced Materials• Construction• Food/Beverage Chain
TARGETED PARTICIPANTS	60 Participants Individuals with physical, intellectual, developmental and mental health disabilities, including veterans with disabilities.
KEY PARTNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Solano County Office of Education• Solano Community College• The Solano Adult Education Consortium members including; Fairfield-Suisun Adult School, local Employment Development Department, Department of Rehabilitation, union and community-based organizations.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	The Workforce Development Board of Solano County will focus on both direct service and system-enhancing strategies in order to increase the long-term employment for PWD in high-demand industries. This project will rely upon strong partnerships among project agencies and organizations. Partnering agencies will focus on three system-enhancing approaches to ensure project success: Improve System Infrastructure, Build Cross-Agency partnerships, and Expand Staff knowledge and Capabilities. This project will increase employment opportunities by supporting businesses in connecting with an expanded candidate pool, providing customized work and learn opportunities, and customizing workforce services that lead to sustained employment in high-demand industries.
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	60 Participants Served <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 29 Completing Earn and Learn Training• 15 College graduates with disabilities will complete Earn-and Learn work based training 4 Business Partners

APPLICANT	Merced County Department of Workforce Investment (MCDWI) 1205 W. 18th Street Merced, CA 95340
CONTACT	Yang Her, Staff Services Analyst II Phone: (209) 724-2045 Email: yher@co.merced.ca.us
AWARD	\$250,000
INDUSTRY FOCUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manufacturing • Transportation and Logistics • Retail • Construction (including public infrastructure, green energy) and • Healthcare Industry sectors
TARGETED PARTICIPANTS	40 Participants People with Disabilities (PWD) including intellectual/developmental, veterans with disabilities, mental health disabilities and physical disabilities including but not limited to those who are deaf and blind.
KEY PARTNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) • Center of Vision Enhancement • Resource Center for Independent Living • Merced County Office of Education Transition Council Group • Merced County Human Services Agency • Employment Development Department • Merced County Veteran Services
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	The MCDWI will lead an educational outreach campaign for businesses to help alleviate the misconceptions/myths of hiring PWD, which will be comprised of creation of educational video to provide orientation of hiring PWD, sharing success stories of PWD currently employed and of employed who hired PWD, and increase awareness through training sessions with experts to address business concerns. In addition, MCDWI will increase social media marketing outreach to raise awareness of training and job opportunities in the community while improving communication of job opportunities between businesses and PWD raising employment awareness.
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	40 Participants Served <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 Completing Earn and Learn Training • 8 College graduates with disabilities will complete Earn and Learn work based training 3 Business Partners

APPLICANT	South Bay Workforce Investment Board, Inc. (SBWIB) 11539 Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 500 Hawthorne, CA 90250
CONTACT	Jan Vogel, Chief Executive Officer Phone: (310) 970-7700 Email: jvogel@sbwib.org
AWARD	\$350,000
INDUSTRY FOCUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Manufacturing • Leisure • Hospitality • Transportation and Logistics • Healthcare
TARGETED PARTICIPANTS	60 Participants Individuals with high functioning Autism
KEY PARTNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Rehabilitation • Haas Factory Outlet • Uniquely Abled Project • El Camino College • Los Angeles Harbor College
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	The SBWIB will provide in provide in-kind match that includes staff time, case management, on-the-job training, marketing material development, and employer engagement. The SBWIB’s goal is for the participants to leverage work-based learning (WBL) and the “earn and learn” opportunities to get a foot in the door. The SBWIB will load the front end with WBL with the intent of leveraging that experience into unsubsidized employment.
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	<p>60 Participants Served</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30 Completing Earn and Learn Training • 26 College graduates with disabilities will complete Earn-and Learn work based training <p>6 Business Partners</p>

APPLICANT	Managed Career Solutions, Inc 3333 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 405 Los Angeles, CA 90010
CONTACT	Phillip Starr, Executive Director Phone: (213) 355-5312 Email: PStarr@mcs-careergroup.com
AWARD	\$350,000
INDUSTRY FOCUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Assistance • Motion Pictures including specializations in post-production special effects and animation • Administrative and Support Services • Construction
TARGETED PARTICIPANTS	67 Participants People with disabilities (PWD) including individuals with physical, mental, cognitive, and sensory disabilities.
KEY PARTNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Los Angeles Workforce and Economic Development Department • California State University Northridge • Office of Disability Resources and Education Services • California State University Los Angeles • Charter College of Education’s Rehabilitation Services Undergraduate Program • Exceptional Minds Studio’s Pre and Registered Apprenticeship Program
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	The project emphasizes employer education and engagement, work-based learning, and a multi-disciplinary approach. Managed Career Solutions (MCS) intends to expand DEA earn and learn strategies while focusing on enhancing individualized job development strategies. A DEA funded job developer will secure opportunities based on matching the interests and skills sets of participants to specific jobs and employers. MCS DEA partners have articulated a program to serve PWD structured to not only sustain itself (with shared operational and financial responsibility among DEA partners and ample leverage committed from a variety of funding streams) but also to replicate and scale. In order to implement a systems-change for all PWD job seekers, including soon-to-be and recent grads, new approaches and configurations will be taken. MCS and partners will bring DEA services to college campuses with a co-located, office-hour-holding Disability Resource Coordinator and full Social Security Administration benefits counseling implemented for all interested participants. MCS’s system changes are one step in program sustainability which will increase employment and retention of PWD.
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	67 Participants Served <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 36 Completing Earn and Learn Training • 28 College graduates with disabilities will complete Earn and Learn work based training 4 Business Partners

APPLICANT	Mother Lode Workforce Development Board (MLWDB) 197 Mono Way Sonora, CA 95370
CONTACT	Larry Yanni, Deputy Director Phone: (209) 536-4502 Email: lyanni@mljt.org
AWARD	\$225,000
INDUSTRY FOCUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leisure • Hospitality • Natural Resources
TARGETED PARTICIPANTS	35 Participants Individuals with physical, intellectual, developmental and mental health disabilities including veterans.
KEY PARTNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Oak Casino and Resort • Jackson Rancheria • Yosemite National Park • Stanislaus National Forest • El Dorado National Forest • Columbia College
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	The MLWDB project will include regional coordination among key partners, sector-based employment strategies, skill attainment through “earn and learn” and other effective training models (including, but not limited to, apprenticeship), and the development of career pathways for people with disabilities (PWD). The MLWDB will focus on creating linkages and engaging businesses in sector industries to develop training and service strategies that ensure PWD are attaining degrees and have the capability and confidence necessary to be successful with businesses that provide competitive, integrated employment.
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	35 Participants Served <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 Completing Earn and Learn Training • 12 College graduates with disabilities will complete Earn and Learn work based training 4 Business Partners

APPLICANT	PathPoint 315 W. Haley Street Suite 202 Santa Barbara, CA 93101
CONTACT	Seth Miller, Vice President, South Santa Barbara Division Phone: (805) 961-9200 x.1111 Email: seth.miller@pathpoint.org
AWARD	\$225,000
INDUSTRY FOCUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare • Information Technology
TARGETED PARTICIPANTS	35 Participants All job seekers with disabilities including but not limited to people with intellectual, developmental, physical disabilities and those diagnosed with mental illness.
KEY PARTNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California Department of Rehabilitation • Tri-Counties Regional Center • University of California Santa Barbara • Procure • Yardi Systems • Sonos • Sansum Clinic and Cottage Hospital • Ontraport • Santa Barbara City College • The City of Goleta Chamber of Commerce • The City of Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>The PathPoint will provide comprehensive training and support services to empower people with disabilities (PWD) or disadvantages to live and work as valued members of our communities. Participants will learn about high demand industries and what skills are required to be competitive in these fields. PathPoint will work closely with community partners to better understand the challenges they face and what opportunities they might have for PWD. PathPoint will also educate local business partners on the benefits of training, hiring, and retaining qualified PWD. PathPoint will engage the PWD with activities meant to further career exploration, assist with post-secondary or vocational pursuits and offer skills training and include (1) case management (guidance, mentoring and counseling, support services), (2) individual service strategy (goal and activity planning), (3) work readiness workshop (8-hour, 1 day course), (4) life skills training, (5) career planning, (6) field trips, (7) technology training, (8) vocational exploration/training, (9) worksite orientation, (10) subsidized work experience, and (11) community service/volunteerism (leadership development).</p>
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	<p>35 Participants Served</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 Completing Earn and Learn Training • 25 College graduates with disabilities will complete Earn and Learn work based training <p>12 Business Partners</p>

APPLICANT	Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County (WDBCCC) 300 Ellinwood Way Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
CONTACT	Donna Van Wert, Interim Executive Director Phone: (925) 602-6820 Email: dvanwert@ehsd.cccounty.us
AWARD	\$250,000
INDUSTRY FOCUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare • Advanced Manufacturing • Transportation • Logistics
TARGETED PARTICIPANTS	60 Participants People with intellectual and developmental disabilities, those with physical disabilities, and veterans with disabilities.
KEY PARTNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California State University East Bay • University of California Berkeley • Peralta Community College District • Contra Costa Community College District • Department of Rehabilitation • Adult School Career Technical Education
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	The WDBCCC will provide accelerated employment for PWD in regional high-demand industry sectors through three key strategies: (1) Developing and supporting work-based training that can facilitate the transition to full time employment; (2) Educating employers in regional high-demand sectors about the benefit of hiring PWD; (3) Strengthening partnerships and communication between education, high-demand employers, and workforce service providers. Retention support will be provided through a variety of strategies, based upon the type of disability an individual has and the kinds of support that they are eligible for. In addition, the Disability Resource Coordinator within each county will also provide retention support through monthly calls to employers to build relationships and get updates on an individual's performance.
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	60 Participants Served <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40 Completing Earn and Learn Training • 25 College graduates with disabilities will complete Earn-and Learn work based training 4 Business Partners