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State grant will help retrain 55 laid off State Compensation Insurance Fund workers in Vacaville

SACRAMENTO – A \$340,380 grant from the state Employment Development Department (EDD) will help retrain 55 government workers who were laid off from the State Compensation Insurance Fund office in Vacaville.

Enrolled participants will receive retraining, development of new skills, intensive instruction, job search and placement assistance, and follow-up and retention services.

Through the program, the 55 dislocated workers will increase their opportunity to re-enter the workforce with a new and marketable occupation.

“This program will concentrate on retraining and getting these workers back to work,” said Pam Harris, EDD Director. “The program will offer broad-based training that will accelerate their re-entry into the job market.”

Retrained workers will find career paths in health care, green energy, computer and Internet security. On-the-job training programs will partner with local business to give trainees hands-on experience in their new fields.

The layoffs at the State Compensation Insurance Fund office in Vacaville follow a reorganization at the agency designed to increase efficiencies.

The Workforce Investment Board of Solano County will coordinate the services provided by the grant, which are designed to shorten the time people stay unemployed, including those impacted by layoffs in the public sector.

Funding for the program is drawn from the Governor’s 25 percent portion of Dislocated Worker Funds from Title I of the federal Workforce Investment Act and is under the administrative authority of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency’s EDD.

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