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**\$2 million EDD grant provides training and reemployment services in Silicon Valley to 300 laid-off Solyndra workers**

**SACRAMENTO** – A \$2 million state Employment Development Department (EDD) grant will provide training and reemployment services in the Silicon Valley region for 300 workers who lost their jobs with the closing of the Solyndra solar panel plant in Fremont. Solyndra abruptly ceased operations last August 31, leaving 1,100 employees jobless.

The \$2,025,000 grant will provide training and certification in the San Jose region, San Mateo County and Santa Cruz County for people who worked in engineering, marketing, assembly line, administration and customer support at Solyndra.

“Laid off solar energy workers need advanced job development and placement services targeted to their high-skill and specialized level,” said EDD Director Pam Harris. “By focusing on training and outplacement, we will help these workers find jobs that match their talents.”

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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