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**\$4.4 million in state grants will assist
California veterans in securing jobs**

Funds to assure continued success of veteran employment programs

SACRAMENTO: Building on the success of its Veterans Employment-Related Assistance Program (VEAP), the California Employment Development Department (EDD) announced today that it will distribute \$4.4 million in grants among nine local entities that are already implementing highly effective programs.

“Veterans quickly become integral members of any team they are part of,” said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning, Jr. “Their dedication, discipline, and adaptability skills obtained during their military service make them valuable and highly desirable employees.”

This year’s grants were only available for ongoing VEAP Programs that meet required project performance goals. The new funds will allow awardees to enhance their service-delivery infrastructure and improve partnerships with labor groups, business associations, and regional employers. Additionally, the money is intended to ensure the programs’ continued sustainability.

“Our VEAP program is designed to bring veterans to the front of the hiring line – as a way to show the state’s appreciation for the many sacrifices that veterans have made for all of us,” Henning added.

The \$4.4 million in grant funding is provided by the Workforce Investment Act’s (WIA), Governor’s Discretionary Funds and the Dislocated Worker Additional Assistance funds. This year’s VEAP grant awardees are:

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Awardee	Amount	Contacts	Industries
Community Career Development L.A. County	\$444,444	Kelli Knox (216) 805-4211 kknox@communitycareer.org	Transportation/Logistics, Energy, Security, and Healthcare
Foothill WIB L.A. County	\$444,444	Julie McElrath (626) 304-8903 jmcelrat@foothilletc.org	Transportation/Logistics, Energy, Security, and Information Technology
Fresno County WIB Fresno County	\$444,444	Phyllis Stogbauer (559) 490-7168 pstogbauer@workforce-connection.com	Construction
Swords to Plowshares San Francisco, Contra Costa and Alameda Counties	\$844,444**	Dave Lopez (415) 252-4787 x371	Information Technology, Hospitality, Security, and Healthcare
Sac Employment and Training Agency Sacramento, Yolo, and Placer Counties	\$444,444	Bill Walker 916-263-4639 billw@delpaso.seta.net	Clean Energy
Managed Care Solutions L.A. County	\$444,444	Ripsime Markaryan (323) 647-6500 x6507 rmarkaryan@mcscareergroup.com	Information Technology, Energy, Hospitality, and Healthcare
North Central Counties Consortium Colusa, Glenn, Sutter and Yuba Counties	\$444,444	Cindy Newton 530-751-8202 cnewton@ncen.org	Information Technology, Healthcare, and Professional Services
Orange County WIB Orange County	\$444,444	Julie Elizondo-Oakley 714-480-6442 julie.elizondo@occr.ocgov.com	Healthcare, Security, and Transportation/Logistics
North County Interfaith Council San Diego County	\$444,444	Marinea Goodson (760) 489-6380 x254 mgoodson@interfaithservices.org	Transportation/Logistics, Security, Healthcare, and Information Technology

** Grantee to receive an additional \$400,000 to subgrant to Veterans Resource Center of Northern CA and U.S Veterans of Southern CA at \$200,000 each to ensure broad outreach across the state. # # #