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\$962,500 grant to assist dislocated workers in Solano

Sacramento – Today, the California Employment Development Department (EDD) awarded \$962,500 to the Solano County Workforce Development Board to provide employment and training services to 175 individuals recently laid off from five local businesses.

“Solano County, especially the city of Vacaville, has been hit recently by a series of layoffs and business closures,” said EDD Director, Patrick Henning, Jr. “These funds will help those workers who lost jobs rebuild their skill sets and find long-term employment in growing industries.”

The funding will allow the Solano County Workforce Development Board to offer retraining and re-employment services to 175 affected individuals over 18 months. Participants will learn new job skills, and receive career guidance and job-placement assistance, helping them compete in the job market.

Recent layoffs at ICON Aircraft, Medline and Save Mart, in addition to the closure of two area retailers (Sports Authority and Sports Chalet), prompted the Solano County Workforce Development Board to seek the additional state dollars.

Funding for the program comes from the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and is under the administrative authority of the EDD and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.

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