

INFORMATION NOTICE

WORKFORCE SERVICES

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: VETERANS RETRAINING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VRAP)

This Information Notice is to inform the Workforce Development Community about the VRAP and its potential impact on One-Stop Career Center staff. The VRAP was enacted as part of the Veterans Opportunity to Work (VOW) to Hire Heroes Act of 2011. It began in May 2012, and will run through March 2014. It provides up to 12 months of training assistance to qualified unemployed veterans. Participants in the program must be enrolled in training for a high-demand occupation offered by a community college or technical school, and must receive an Associate Degree, Certificate, or show evidence of training program completion.

As of January 10, 2013, 7,250 California residents have applied for and been approved for training through the VRAP. Nearly 2,500 of these veterans have begun vocational training, and 143 participants have been reported by the Department of Labor (DOL) as having exited their VRAP sponsored training. The contact information received from DOL for the 143 VRAP exiters has been provided to the Employment Development Department (EDD) field staff to follow-up with these individuals to see if they require additional employment services.

The EDD will continue to receive VRAP exiter data file from the DOL containing the names and contact information for these veterans. The EDD is required to outreach to these individuals, offer them employment services, and encourage them to register in CalJOBS.

As part of EDD's outreach efforts, VRAP participants will be encouraged to visit One-Stop Career Center Offices, and as a result may be referred to partner staff to provide additional services.

The [Training and Employment Guidance Letter 8-12](#), summarizes the roles and responsibilities of EDD and other One-Stop Career Center Staff.

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