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**EDD awards \$2 million to provide  
career development for people with disabilities**

SACRAMENTO - The California Employment Development Department (EDD) today announced it awarded \$2 million in 2018 Disability Employment Accelerator grants to seven local organizations to provide career development for people with disabilities.

“These grants will fund programs that prepare Californians with disabilities with the training needed for careers, increase their employment opportunities and connect them with hiring businesses,” said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning.

The organizations receiving these grants will partner with businesses in high-growth industries to develop “earn and learn” strategies that include paid on-the-job training, transitional jobs and work experience opportunities. These service strategies allow businesses to customize skills training for people with disabilities that can lead to employment, career advancement and economic independence.

The individual awards to local organizations range from \$225,000 to \$350,000. The grants are provided through discretionary funds made available to Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. in accordance with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The grants are under the administrative authority of EDD and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, and are awarded in coordination with the California Workforce Development Board.

The seven Disability Employment Accelerator grant awardees are:

<b>Awardee</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Workforce Development Board of Solano County	Solano	\$350,000	Heather Henry (707) 863-3501 <a href="mailto:hhenry@solanowdb.org">hhenry@solanowdb.org</a>
Merced County Department of Workforce Investment	Merced	\$250,000	Yang Her (209) 724-2045 <a href="mailto:yher@co.merced.ca.us">yher@co.merced.ca.us</a>

South Bay Workforce Investment Board, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$350,000	Jan Vogel (310) 970-7700 <a href="mailto:jvogel@sbwib.org">jvogel@sbwib.org</a>
Managed Career Solutions, Inc.	Los Angeles	\$350,000	Phillip Starr (213) 355-5312 PStarr@mcscareergroup.com
Mother Lode Workforce Development Board	Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, Tuolumne	\$225,000	Larry Yanni (209) 536-4502 <a href="mailto:lyanni@mljt.org">lyanni@mljt.org</a>
PathPoint	Santa Barbara	\$225,000	Seth Miller (805) 961-9200 x.1111 <a href="mailto:Seth.miller@pathpoint.org">Seth.miller@pathpoint.org</a>
Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County	Contra Costa	\$250,000	Donna Van Wert (925) 602-6820 <a href="mailto:dvanwert@ehsd.cccounty.us">dvanwert@ehsd.cccounty.us</a>

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