Employment Development Department
State of California
Workforce Services

INFORMATION NOTICE

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DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT ACCELERATOR 2015/16 AWARDS

The Employment Development Department (EDD), in coordination with the California Workforce Development Board, and on behalf of the Labor and Workforce Development Agency, is pleased to announce the awarding of $1.4 million in grants for the Disability Employment Accelerator (DEA) program. The DEA program will focus on creating linkages and engaging businesses in high-growth industries. Funds will connect applicants and employers in seven California regions: Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento, San Mateo, Northern California, Sierra, and Madera. Eight workforce development agencies were selected for funding.

All eight entities submitted proposals via a competitive process. Entities receiving funding will strive to use these business linkages to develop "earn and learn" service strategies (e.g., Work Experience, Transitional Jobs, On-the-Job Training, etc.) to ensure that people with disabilities have the necessary skills to obtain and retain competitive, integrated employment. The EDD expects that the performance period will be 18-20 months.

A list of the awardees and descriptions of their programs is available on the EDD WSB SFP website.

If you have any questions regarding the DEA grant, please email LaJuana.Thompson@edd.ca.gov.

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