Employment Development Department
State of California

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DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT ACCELERATOR 18-19 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 $2 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 to provide employment opportunities to people with disabilities. Funds will connect applicants and employers in five California regions: Los Angeles, San Diego, Sacramento, Kern/Inyo/Mono/ Kings and Tulare. Six workforce development agencies were selected for funding.

All six entities submitted proposals via a competitive process. Entities receiving funding will strive to use these business linkages to develop and support "earn and learn" service strategies (e.g., Work Experience, Transitional Jobs, On-the-Job Training, etc.). A major objective of the DEA is to ensure people with disabilities, including college graduates, have the necessary work-based skills to obtain and retain competitive and integrated employment that offers a career path to advancement while developing the necessary skills. The EDD expects that the performance period will be up to 24 months.

A list of the awardees and descriptions of their projects is available on the EDD Workforce Development Solicitations for Proposals webpage.

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

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