

AWARD LIST AND PROJECT SUMMARIES

On May 13, 2019, \$2,000,000 of WIOA, Governor’s Discretionary 15 percent funds were awarded to six organizations under the Disability Employment Accelerator (DEA) Program Year (PY) 2018-19 Solicitation for Proposals. Awardee project list and project summaries are listed below. Funding decisions are final.

PROJECT LIST

APPLICANT NAME	COUNTY	TOTAL AWARD
Verdugo Workforce Development Board	Los Angeles	\$350,000
Sacramento Employment & Training Agency	Sacramento	\$350,000
Able-Disabled Advocacy, Inc.	San Diego	\$350,000
Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County	Tulare	\$250,000
Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board	Los Angeles	\$350,000
Employers’ Training Resource	Kern, Inyo, Mono, Kings	\$350,000
Total		\$2,000,000

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Project Summaries

APPLICANT	Verdugo Workforce Development Board 1255 S. Central Avenue Glendale, CA 91204
CONTACT	Judith Velasco, Executive Director (818) 937-8031 jvelasco@glendaleca.gov
AWARD	\$350,000
INDUSTRY FOCUS	Information Technology and Cybersecurity, Logistics, Computer Numerical Control Machinists, and Electronic Technology Technicians.
TARGETED PARTICIPANTS	65 Participants Individuals with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities and target individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders
KEY PARTNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Title I, II, III, and IV staff Glendale LEARNS/Adult Education Program• Employment Development Department (EDD) (Title III)• Glendale Community College (GCC)• Foothill Special Education Local Planning Area,• Glendale Unified School District Transition Resources• Employer partners; include Paulsson Inc., Xceliron, and S&H Machine• Lanterman Regional Center
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	This grant will provide needed funding for people with disabilities (PWD) to enter mid-level occupations or higher and earn commensurate wages. The Regional Technology and Manufacturing Academy is a unique project developed with employers to ensure hiring needs are met. The employers will continue to monitor and provide input into the curriculum and program implementation to identify and address improvement. Through an existing integrated partnership, using a universal intake and strategic co-enrollment process it is expected that close to 100 percent of participants will be co-enrolled by the key partners. Career assessments, planning, work experience, On-The-Job Training, job placement, job coaching, and retention are services included in the integrated continuum of care model approach.
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	65 Participants Served <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 33 Completing Earn and Learn work-based training• 17 College graduates with disabilities will complete Earn and Learn work based training• 46 Entering Employment 3 Business Partners

APPLICANT	Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA) 925 Del Paso Blvd., Suite 100 Sacramento, CA 95815	
CONTACT	Michelle O’Camb, Manager Workforce Development Department (916) 263-3868 Michelle.OCamb@seta.net	
AWARD	\$350,000	
INDUSTRY FOCUS	Civil Service, Engineering/Advanced Manufacturing and Production, Health Services, Information and Communications Technology, Construction, including Construction Management, and Education and Knowledge Creation.	
TARGETED PARTICIPANTS	60 Participants College graduates with disabilities and other individuals, specifically those with developmental disabilities.	
KEY PARTNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crossroads Diversified, Inc. • Folsom Cordova Community Partnership • California Workforce Association • The Department of Rehabilitation • Alta Regional Center • Los Rios Community College District 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California State University, Sacramento • NorCal Center on Deafness • Sacramento Works America’s Job Centers of California • Goodwill Sacramento Valley & Northern Nevada • Pride Industries • Sacramento City College Disability Student Program Services
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	SETA will increase employment of people with disabilities in regional high demand sectors through employer education and engagement, work-based learning, and a multi-disciplinary approach to job coaching/case management. In addition, SETA will conduct targeted outreach and recruitment to college graduates with a disability at key partner locations. Participants will be provided with job readiness, job search assistance, job development, short term vocational training, and On-the-Job Training opportunities. Participants will gain interview skills, develop an effective resume, and develop the tools needed to continue in a career pathway/career advancement beyond participation in this grant, as well as, initial employment opportunity.	

**EXPECTED
OUTCOMES**

60 Participants Served

- 26 Completing Earn and Learn work based training
- 13 College graduates with disabilities will complete Earn and Learn work based training
- 39 Entering Employment

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APPLICANT	Able-Disabled Advocacy, Inc. (A-DA) 4283 El Cajon Blvd., Suite 110 San Diego, CA 92105
CONTACT	Elaine Cooluris, Executive Director (619) 231-5990 Ext. 319 elaine@able2work.org
AWARD	\$350,000
INDUSTRY FOCUS	Information & Communications Technology, Business Services and Financial Services industry sectors
TARGETED PARTICIPANTS	70 Participants People with Disabilities (PWD) including PWD with visual, hearing orthopedic and learning challenges; Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, sexual trauma, and other mental health disorders; substance abuse issues; Autism Spectrum Disorder, Asperger’s, developmental disabilities, and systemic disorders.
KEY PARTNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • San Diego Workforce Partnership • The Employment Development Department’s Wagner-Peyser Program and the EDD’s Central Office • KRA’s America’s Job Center of CaliforniaSM • San Diego Vet Centers • San Diego Housing Commission • the San Diego Veterans Council • Department of Rehabilitation County Veterans Services Office
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	A-DA services will be offered in a comprehensive and customized fashion in order to meet the unique needs of each PWD and to ensure informed choice and program engagement. Program activities will include ongoing vocational assessments, intensive career counseling, disability benefits training and individual counseling, work readiness/soft skills training, financial management, paid Internships and on-the-job trainings, job development and placement assistance, career advancement services, and extensive follow-up/retention services. The project will also provide mental health and substance abuse counseling, childcare and housing assistance, and a wide range of other personal, professional, financial support services, which will be delivered using an intensive client-centered case management approach.
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	70 Participants Served <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 34 Completing Earn and Learn work-based training • 32 College graduates with disabilities will complete Earn and Learn work based training • 52 Entering Employment 33 Business Partners

APPLICANT	Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County 309 West Main Street, Suite 120 Visalia, CA 93291
CONTACT	Adam Peck, Executive Director (559) 713-5200 APeck@tularewib.org
AWARD	\$250,000
INDUSTRY FOCUS	Advanced Manufacturing, Construction, Energy, Healthcare, Transportation & Logistics, and Value-Added Agriculture.
TARGETED PARTICIPANTS	40 Participants People with Disabilities (PWD) ages 18 and over including; individuals with hearing and visual impairments, cognitive and sensory impairments, physical disabilities, learning disabilities, and mental health disabilities.
KEY PARTNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Employment Development Department • College of the Sequoias' WorkAbility III • Porterville College's Disability Resource Center • CSU Fresno Access's Workability IV • The Department of Rehabilitation • The Ticket to Success Employment • The Community Services Employment Training/Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program • Housing and Disability Income Advocacy Program • VITA • Healthcare Advisory Committee • The Industrial Advisory Committee
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	TCWIB's Disability Employment Accelerator (DEA) project will address the high-level of unemployment and poverty faced by PWD in Tulare County and ultimately leads participants to career pathways and lasting employment. Qualifying participants, in which the majority is college graduates, will participate in work-based training in Tulare County's high demand industry sectors and will be compensated at or above minimum wage for similar job duties, training, and experiences that employees without disabilities earn. Participants will be co-enrolled in eligible programs and will gain access to wrap-around services (e.g., housing and utility assistance, tax preparation assistance, individualized benefits planning, work incentive guidance, DB 101 training).
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	40 Participants Served <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 Completing Earn and Learn work-based training • 8 College graduates with disabilities will complete Earn and Learn work based training • 28 Entering Employment 3 Business Partners

APPLICANT	Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board 10900 183 rd St. #392 Cerritos, CA 90703	
CONTACT	Ms. Marjean Clements, Director of Business Services (562) 402-9336 Ext. 1252 marjeanc@selaco.com	
AWARD	\$350,000	
INDUSTRY FOCUS	High-Tech Manufacturing, Drone Operations and Apprenticeship in the Hospitality industry.	
TARGETED PARTICIPANTS	<p>60 Participants</p> <p>The project’s target population will be the high-functioning autistic population, which has an 80 percent unemployment rate (despite 35 percent of the population with college degrees). This group excels in academic achievement, particularly in highly technical areas, such as computer operation and technology, though that has not translated into employment.</p>	
KEY PARTNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department of Rehabilitation, Uniquely Able • The Disability Services and Program Services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEVEN’s Camp • Local Restaurants • Cerritos College • Local non-profit disability organizations
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	<p>The project seeks to help all people with disabilities (PWD) acquire proven job skills through very short term training to access advanced manufacturing and drone industry opportunities. Industry certifications will open doors for PWD of On-the-Job Training (OJT) and the opportunity to prove their capabilities. Numerous disability partners will work with PWD during the training, OJT and post-employment period to address communications, social and soft skills barriers, and also to help the employer assimilate the PWD into the workplace and with the workforce.</p>	
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	<p>60 Participants Served</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 34 Completing Earn and Learn work-based training • 27 College graduates with disabilities will complete Earn and Learn work-based training • 42 Entering Employment <p>5 Business Partners</p>	

APPLICANT	Employers' Training Resource 16000 E. Belle Terrace Bakersfield, CA 93307
CONTACT	Bill Stevenson, Deputy Director - Administration (661) 635-2758 bills@kerncounty.com
AWARD	\$350,000
INDUSTRY FOCUS	Healthcare, Transportation/Logistics, Manufacturing, Agriculture, and Tourism/Recreation/Entertainment/Retail.
TARGETED PARTICIPANTS	60 Participants All People with Disabilities in two local workforce areas comprised of four counties. Half of the target population will be college graduates with an Associate's Degree or better, whether at the start of services or graduating within the grant period. An additional focus to specifically target veteran populations through outreach in partnership with countywide veteran agencies.
KEY PARTNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Workforce Development Boards of Kings and Kern Inyo Mono • Two local Employment Development Department field offices • West Hills College Lemoore • College of the Sequoias • Taft Community College • Kings County Veterans Services Office • Kern County Veterans Services Department • Kings County Economic Development Corporation • Six Private Industry Partners • Bakersfield College
PROJECT DESCRIPTION	The partner counties in this application cover more than 9,556 square miles over two counties, comprising about 6% of California's total area. To bring the highest number of services to a large, mostly rural area, in an economical and efficient manner requires innovation. This grant intends to use a mobile America's Job Center of California SM (AJCC) model to bring services to participants, whether they are located on a college campus, local veteran's office, local behavioral/public health offices, or other location. This mobile AJCC will utilize a completely electronic platform to provide services to the client at their physical location, greatly broadening the impact of workforce on each local area. The mobile e-platform is not virtual services and will provide not just a mobile platform to provide services, but a physical case manager to respond to specific needs in person.
EXPECTED OUTCOMES	60 Participants Served <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 Completing Earn and Learn work-based training • 15 College graduates with disabilities will complete Earn and Learn work-based training • 42 Entering Employment 8 Business Partners