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**Employment Development Department awards \$275,000 to retrain  
35 laid-off workers in the Anaheim area**

**SACRAMENTO** – The California Employment Development Department (EDD) today announced it has awarded \$275,000 to the Anaheim Workforce Development Board to retrain 35 workers who lost jobs in the Anaheim-area hospitality industry.

“This retraining will help these laid-off workers update their job skills and ultimately create new opportunities for steady employment in California’s dynamic economy,” said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning.

The grant is part of EDD’s rapid response program which mobilizes workforce development resources to address the impacts of mass layoffs. The workforce board, local community colleges, employers and other training providers will provide the impacted workers with skills assessments, job search assistance, vocational counseling and training and job skills workshops. The job services will help to prepare the workers for better-paying jobs in the hospitality industry and fast-growing industries including manufacturing, healthcare and information technology.

Several hospitality-focused businesses have closed down in order to accommodate the construction of a hotel on Disney properties, including ESPN Zone, Rainforest Cafe and Earl of Sandwich. CKE Restaurants Holdings in Anaheim, the parent company of Carl’s Jr., has begun closure procedures and will be laying off employees.

Funding for this grant was provided through discretionary funds made available to Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. in accordance with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and administered by EDD and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.

For more information about this project and the Anaheim Workforce Development Board, contact Executive Director Luz Flores at (714) 765-4342.

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