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## **In honor of Small Business Month in California, EDD recognizes smaller employers and offers support services**



**Note to editors:** Information on soundbites/B-roll available at the [EDD Online Newsroom](#).

SACRAMENTO - It's Small Business Month in California by [proclamation of Governor Newsom](#), and the Employment Development Department (EDD) celebrates and supports the important contributions small businesses make to the state's economy and local communities. To help small businesses succeed, EDD provides a variety of programs, resources and services which it highlights and offers visual examples of on its new Small Business Month [web page](#).

"Small businesses are vital to California's economy, and EDD provides the information, resources and services small businesses can use to grow their workforce, comply with state tax requirements and communicate with employees on the availability of state benefits," said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning.

According to national data from the U.S. Small Business Administration, there are 3.9 million small businesses operating in California with less than 500 employees each. That accounts for more than 99 percent of the total businesses in California, employing seven million people - about half of the state's private workforce.

EDD offers a variety of services to small business owners to assist them with their employment needs, including a fast, easy and secure way to register for an employer payroll tax account number, manage payroll tax accounts, file returns and make payments online with [e-Service for Business](#).

EDD provides employers with assistance and tools to:

- Recruit new employees through [CalJOBS<sup>SM</sup>](#) – EDD's online labor exchange system which lists thousands of job openings and the state's largest pool of job seekers.
- Train existing employees by connecting them with available programs and accessing federal tax incentives.
- Learn about present and future economic trends and make educated business decisions using labor market data.
- Network with other employers through the [America's Job Center of California](#) system.

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- Meet employer tax and other legal obligations.
- Educate employees on Paid Family Leave, State Disability Insurance and Unemployment Insurance, and manage a business Unemployment Insurance account.

**Media Video Package:**

- Video, soundbites and B-roll of a small business which manufactures pop-up campers.
- Success stories of small businesses who received assistance in matching job openings with qualified candidates.
- Contact the EDD's Media Services Office for broadcast quality video and soundbites at [MediaInquiries@edd.ca.gov](mailto:MediaInquiries@edd.ca.gov).

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