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$12.7 Million In Job Training Grants Available To Transition California Veterans Into High-Demand Jobs

SACRAMENTO – New state grants totaling $12.7 million will provide training and employment services to help veterans of wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as those who served earlier, move quickly from military life into high-wage jobs in growing industries.

"When California's veterans return home it is our duty to make their transition back to civilian life as easy as possible," said Labor and Workforce Development Agency (LWDA) Secretary Victoria Bradshaw. "These grants will help veterans apply the skills they mastered in the military to high-wage jobs in emerging industries, such as green jobs, that will help lead California's economic recovery."

The LWDA's Employment Development Department (EDD), in coordination with the California Workforce Investment Board, today launched a competitive process to distribute up to $12.7 million to public, private, non-profit, and private for-profit organizations, local Workforce Investment Boards, education and training providers, and faith-based and community-based organizations. The grants will be awarded to groups that present the best plans to help veterans find jobs in industries where employment opportunities currently exist, with an emphasis on clean and renewable energy occupations.

For information on this competitive process, please refer to the Workforce Development Solicitation For Proposals page on EDD's Web site at: *http://www.edd.ca.gov/Jobs_and_Training/Funding_Opportunities.htm*

Completed proposals are due no later than April 15. Funding for this program is solely provided by the Governor's Discretionary 15 Percent funds and subject to federal funding availability.

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