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State grant of more than \$300,000 will open the way to careers in high-growth industries for 70 laid-off workers in Marin County

SACRAMENTO – A state Employment Development Department (EDD) grant of more than \$300,000 will help 70 workers in Marin County move off the unemployment rolls and into new careers in rapidly growing industries.

“We are committed to making a difference in the lives of workers hit by layoffs at several major employers, including the Golden Gate Bridge District, the Autodesk technology company, and Drake’s Oyster Farm in Marin County,” EDD Director Pam Harris said. “This grant will help them learn the skills they need to succeed at new careers in an increasingly competitive economy.”

The Marin Employment Connection will use the \$334,363 grant funding to provide career counseling, basic skills preparation, job search assistance, and vocational training to help laid-off workers transition into positions in high-growth industries.

Funding for the grant comes from the Governor’s 25 percent portion of Dislocated Worker Funds from Title I of the federal Workforce Investment Act and is under the administrative authority of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency’s EDD.

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