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## Laid-off workers in Northern California offered employment assistance

SACRAMENTO — A retraining grant of \$672,000 was awarded by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) to the North Central Counties Consortium (NCCC) to help retrain 166 recently laid-off workers. NCCC administers the federally-funded Workforce Investment Act (WIA) in Colusa, Glenn, Sutter and Yuba counties.

“This grant will not only help the employees affected by the local layoffs, it’s also an investment in the local economies of these Northern California counties,” said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning, Jr. “This grant will connect unemployed workers in Colusa, Glenn, Sutter, and Yuba counties with training programs that will help them learn new skills. And the end goal is to help these newly trained workers find career paths within the region’s fastest growing industries.”

The NCCC is working with employers throughout the four-county region to deliver employment-training services. Applicants will receive on-the-job, vocational and short-term pre-vocational training preparing them for occupations in the agriculture, transportation, warehousing, green building, mechanical technician, or waste management fields.

Funding for the program is drawn from the Governor’s 25-Percent portion of Dislocated Worker Funds of the federal Title I of the Workforce Investment Act under the administration of the EDD, within the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.

For more information about this workforce project, please contact Nancy Crooks, NCCC Executive Director, at (530) 822-7145.

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