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State Agency Invests in Advancing Worker Skills in Manufacturing Across California With A \$1.2 Million Grant *Network of community colleges to train more than 1,000 workers statewide*

SACRAMENTO, Calif. -- California Community Colleges Chancellor Brice W. Harris announced today that the California Employment Training Panel approved a \$1.2 million statewide job training grant to be led by the El Camino Community College District. The grant will be used to train more than 1,000 workers in skills such as e-commerce and database management, blueprint reading, hazardous materials handling and project management.

“Our system is uniquely suited to providing this type of training for our students and our state’s businesses,” Chancellor Harris said. “To remain competitive in the global marketplace, businesses need to have the best-trained employees and the California Community Colleges, with El Camino College leading the way, provide those people to help drive our state’s economy.”

The \$1.2 million grant was part of \$7.9 million released by the California Employment Training Panel for more than 20 job training contracts to California businesses.

“This represents a coordinated effort between state agencies to target investment at the advanced manufacturing sector important to our state and regional economies,” said Van Ton-Quinlivan, California Community Colleges Vice Chancellor for Workforce and Economic Development. “The Employment Training Panel was particularly pleased with their experience for how this sector was organized under the [Doing what MATTERS for Jobs and the Economy](#) framework, easily locating El Camino College’s Center for Applied Competitive Technologies thanks to the look-up maps on our website (doingwhatmatters.cccco.edu). They would like to do more via these college networks.”

The majority of training under this grant will be conducted at participating employer worksites. The core group of participating employers consists primarily of large and small manufacturers.

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“Our focus has always been to bring innovative processes and new technology to the workforce through customized training, workshops and technical assistance to employers,” said Eldon Davidson, Customized Training Director for El Camino Community College District’s Center for Applied Competitive Technologies. “Once again, we are pleased to partner with the Employment Training Panel, which has proven to be a valuable partner in the support and success of our workforce training programs.”

The Employment Training Panel is a business- and labor-supported state agency that assists employers in strengthening their competitive edge in the economy by providing funds to off-set the costs of job skills training. The panel is a performance-based program and provides funds for trainees who successfully complete training and are retained in good-paying jobs at or above a required wage base, for at least 90 days. The program, funded by the Employment Training Tax paid by California employers, helps businesses threatened by out-of-state and international competition.

Since its inception in 1983, the Employment Training Panel program has provided approximately \$1.25 billion to train more than 800,000 workers at more than 78,000 California companies.

The [California Community Colleges](#) is the largest system of higher education in the nation. It is composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving 2.3 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills courses in English and math, and prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities. The Chancellor’s Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.

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