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El Camino College Receives More than \$2.6 Million in New Grants

El Camino College recently announced a list of new grants totaling more than \$2.6 million awarded to a variety of college programs to better serve students.

New funding includes: four grants totaling more than \$1.25 million to the El Camino College Center for Applied Competitive Technologies (CACT); two grants for \$140,522 to the El Camino College Center for International Trade Development (CITD); a \$225,000 grant to the Career Technical Education (CTE) Teacher Preparation Pipeline; a \$935,796 grant involving the El Camino Workplace Learning Resource Center (WpLRC); and a \$72,797 U.S. Department of Education Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad grant.

“These grants will enable the college to provide additional resources to the students we serve and will strengthen our existing outstanding programs,” said El Camino College President Thomas M. Fallo.

Among the CACT grants is a \$688,730 award for the Aerospace Fastener Manufacturing Training Center Alliance from the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office. Designed to meet workforce challenges in Los Angeles County, Orange County and the Inland Empire’s growing aerospace fastener manufacturing industry, this grant helps to fund an alliance CACT formed with industry partners, area workforce investment boards and the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce to find solutions to the skilled worker shortage. The eight-week training program includes 96 hours of paid internships at a local aerospace fastener manufacturer, giving students the skills to obtain jobs in an industry that needs new workers as quickly as possible. (Funding status dependent on final state budget.)

The CACT also secured a second \$121,000 grant from the Chancellor’s Office Economic and Workforce Development, Statewide Strategic Initiative Hub. This grant involves the El Camino CACT, as well as CACTs at Riverside and Sierra colleges, and will provide: marketing services and outreach to industry; implementation of Manufacturing Skill Standards Certifications; and robotic camps to colleges and high schools supporting youth outreach.

The third CACT grant from the Chancellor’s Office is a \$272,057 award from the Responsive Training Fund for Incumbent Workers. Through this project, ECC will collaborate with Honeywell Industries, Inc. to develop a program that focuses on specific skills requested by the company. Approximately 350 current employees will be trained at no cost to the employees through this grant. (Funding status dependent on final state budget.)

A fourth grant was awarded by the Chancellor's Office Economic and Workforce Development, Career Pathway Projects for \$170,000 to the El Camino College CACT. The proposed project is designed to address objectives at both the ECC and Compton Center to: align existing technical preparation programs and curriculum between high schools and community colleges; provide accelerated education and training for students; support professional development for instructors; explore new and relevant career and technical programs that integrate coursework and pre-apprenticeship; expand exchanges between community colleges, high schools, and the private sector; and upgrade the technical skills of teachers/faculty.

The U.S. Department of State also awarded the CITD a \$6,254 grant through the American Business Fellows (ABF) Program, in which the CITD assistant director will travel to Nicaragua for an eight-week period, a trip designed to foster long-term links between the United States and Latin America through the exchange of technical resources and expertise. A second grant awarded to the CITD is from the Chancellor's Office Responsive Training Fund for Incumbent Workers. This \$134,268 award will be used to develop training programs focusing on international trade regulations. Group seminars; company-specific workshops; and customized training will be available. (Funding status dependent on final state budget.)

The El Camino College Workplace Learning Resource Center (WpLRC) is a partner in a CA Green Jobs Corps pilot program grant awarded to the Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment Network for \$935,796 through the CA Employment Development Department. The proposed Pacific Gateway Green Job Corps Initiative will serve 125 at-risk youth ages 17-24 who are interested in developing skills and gaining employment in green and eco-friendly industries. This program plans to engage local youth through education, community service, environmental stewardship and civic responsibility, and training and employment opportunities.

El Camino College's CTE Teacher Preparation Pipeline received a \$225,000 grant aimed at increasing the number of Career & Technical Education teachers by developing pathways from high schools to ECC and from ECC to university programs, and boosting student recruitment in those programs. During 2009-2010, the project will expand its partners to include the South Bay Center for Counseling and Exxon-Mobil, while reaching out to high school and college students.

El Camino College, in partnership with Long Beach City College, has been awarded a \$72,797 Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad grant from the U.S. Department of Education for a four-week seminar in Vietnam with an extension to Cambodia. The project will provide selected community college faculty with an opportunity to gain discipline-related knowledge of Vietnam and participate in research, training and curriculum development for the purpose of creating a representative coverage of Vietnam and Cambodia across multiple disciplines. The program will take place in summer 2010.

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