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El Camino College Secures \$1.3 Million Grant for Job Training

El Camino College's Center for Applied Competitive Technologies (CACT) recently secured \$1,260,646 in employment training funds for manufacturing workforce programs.

The nearly \$1.3 million grant will be used to train more than 1,000 workers statewide, serving multiple employers, including those in areas of high unemployment.

The El Camino College CACT is one of six Centers for Applied Competitive Technologies in California that offer college-approved curriculum and workforce training. An initiative of the California Community College's Economic and Workforce Development program, the Centers for Applied Competitive Technologies are dedicated to serving California's advanced technology companies with innovative business solutions.

"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. "Once again we are pleased to partner with the Employment Training Panel (ETP), which has proven to be a valuable partner in the support and success of our workforce training programs."

The El Camino College CACT grant is one of 22 contracts worth more than \$7.9 million in job training funds recently approved by the State of California's Employment Training Panel. Proposals also included small business and smaller scale projects. Training proposals were comprised of both single and multiple employer contracts from various industry sectors throughout the state.

The El Camino College CACT's comprehensive training program is customizable to meet the needs of both large and small employers in the manufacturing industry.

"These are the types of repeat contractors we like to see," said Jill McAloon, chief deputy director of the Employment Training Panel. "The El Camino College CACT has a firm commitment to workforce training. The CACT has been working closely with industry leaders and ETP staff in developing relevant training programs aimed at filling existing skills gaps within the manufacturing industry. The panel looks forward to another successful contract with the El Camino College CACT."

For more information on the El Camino College CACT, visit www.cact.org.

The ETP is a business and labor supported state agency that assists employers in strengthening their competitive edge in the economy by providing funds to partially off-set the costs of necessary job skills training. California's ETP is a performance-based program, providing 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. For more information about the program, visit www.etp.ca.gov, or call 916-327-5368.