

Community-Based Job Training Grants

California Community Colleges

Grantee: California Community Colleges

Industry Focus: Transportation

Key Partners: California Labor & Workforce Development Agency; California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office; California Workforce Investment Board; California Employment & Training Panel; California Employment Development Department (CEDD); City of Los Angeles; The Port of Long Beach; Metropolitan Transportation Authority; Gateways Cities Partnership; Riverside Community College District; Mt. San Antonio College; Rio Hondo College; Los Angeles Valley College; East Los Angeles College; Long Beach City College; El Camino College; Chaffey College; California State University campuses at Long Beach, Pomona, and San Bernardino; Long Beach Unified School District Tech Prep Program; California Workforce Investment Board; the Los Angeles County, Riverside County, San Bernardino County, Carson/Lomita, Los Angeles City, and Long Beach Workforce Investment Boards; Westlake WorkSource Center; Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation; Distribution Management Association; United Parcel Service; Smart & Final Corp.; Marine Terminals Corp.; California Cartage Co.; Los Angeles Cold Storage Co.; Western Association of Food Chains; Southern California Foreign-Trade Zone, Inc.; California Manufacturing Technology Consulting; International Trade Education Programs, Inc.; Superior Industries International; Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne, Inc.; Precision Dynamics Corp.; and Metro International Trade Services

Grant Amount: \$1,992,481

Leveraged Amount: \$2,021,778

Location of Grant Activities: California

Challenge: Further growth in the distribution of goods is expected to continue for California. Cargo volume handled by the ports rose 36.4 percent from 2000-2004 and is projected to grow another 50.4 percent by 2010. The demand for qualified workers is outstripping supply.

Addressing the Challenge: The project will use California's Transportation and Logistics Institute to provide services through eight community colleges, three California State Universities, and two unified school districts. This project will support the development of industry-recognized programs; the expansion of faculty in-service training; linkages with university logistics degree programs to promote an educational continuum; the training of new and incumbent workers for the logistics industry; and dissemination of replicable products to other regions in the state and the nation. This project will transform the logistics industry in California in the way it recruits, trains and maintains a highly qualified and certified workforce.

Projected Outcomes:

- Each college will target 150 job seekers and incumbent workers, for a total of 1,200 individuals to be trained over the grant period
- Doubling the number of course sections, by shared curriculum, instructors and trainers, so that each college averages 32 or more offerings for logistics
- Development of a basic warehousing certificate, where workers would complete a course in the workforce culture, behavior and work routines

