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CALIFORNIA LABOR SECRETARY ANNOUNCES \$5.8 MILLION TO VETERANS PROGRAMS FOR JOB TRAINING

SACRAMENTO – California Labor Secretary Victoria Bradshaw today announced the award of more than \$5.8 million in Workforce Investment Act funds for the Veterans' Employment-Related Assistance Program. This collaborative initiative will provide training and employment services to California veterans. Some of the partners include county governments, health foundations, One Stop Career Centers, veterans' organizations, and workforce training consortiums.

"We are proud to support training for California veterans in high demand occupations," said Bradshaw. "Veterans have proudly served and protected our country; now it is our turn to serve them. These funds will help address the growing and changing workforce needs while simultaneously helping veterans reenter civilian life."

The 12 programs selected for funding will assist more than 1,100 veterans into employment. "Each program is designed to help veterans access employment opportunities in their local communities" said California Employment Development Director Patrick Henning. "Examples of the programs include training for veterans in: health care, food service, construction, manufacturing, and transportation." These programs are expected to run from March 2005 through June 2006.

The 12 programs will be funded with the Governor's 15 percent portion of the federal Workforce Investment Act. The California Labor & Workforce Development Agency places a high priority for serving our veterans by allocating up to \$6 million of California's federal Workforce Investment Act grant to assist nearly 2.9 million veterans in California. These monies help serve veterans who have returned to California with a disability from a war or campaign, new veterans returning to California, homeless veterans, and many other veterans who have other unique challenges to seeking gainful employment in California. The Workforce Investment Act grant is administered by the California Employment Development Department.

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**List of Grantee Programs to Receive
 California's Workforce Investment Act
 Veterans Employment Assistance Grants**

GRANTEE PROGRAMS	FUNDING
Swords to Plowshares (San Francisco)	\$450,000
Stanislaus County – Operation Vet Connect	\$486,375
North Bay Resource Center (Sonoma)	\$500,000
Vietnam Veterans of San Diego	\$500,000
Northern Santa Clara Valley Job Training Consortium	\$500,000
Quality Care Health Foundation (Sacramento)	\$500,000
Imperial Valley Regional Occupation (Imperial)	\$434,230
San Diego Workforce Partnership	\$499,518
North Coast Veterans Resource Center (Humboldt)	\$500,000
Asian American Drug Abuse Program (Los Angeles)	\$500,000
Fresno County – Empower Patriots for Careers	\$500,000
New Directions, Inc. (Los Angeles)	\$498,934
Total Funding	\$5,869,057