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California Seeks \$33 Million Federal Grant to Help 4,700 Auto Workers, Thousands of Others Affected by Closing of NUMMI Auto Plant in Fremont

Sacramento - The California Employment Development Department (EDD) is seeking a \$33 million federal grant to help more than 4,700 auto workers who will lose their jobs, as well as thousands of others whose livelihoods will be jeopardized, due to the closing of the New United Motors Manufacturing Incorporated (NUMMI) plant in Fremont April 1.

"The state is working with all parties to come up with solutions to help those that will be affected by the NUMMI closure," said Victoria Bradshaw, Secretary of the Labor and Workforce Development Agency. "Applying for this Federal money is one of the tools that California can use to get these workers back on track."

Workers affected by the closing can find help at three locations: the Assessment Center at the NUMMI site, NUMMI Reemployment Center in the Union Hall across the street from the plant, and Project Renew Center at Chabot College. Each center is operated by various agencies to provide an array of coordinated services to all workers dislocated by the NUMMI closure. One-Stop Career Centers in the area are already providing rapid response services to the workers, including information on Unemployment Insurance benefits, Trade Adjustment Assistance benefits, labor market information, job placement assistance services, and other community resources.

The NUMMI closure is triggering business shutdowns and downsizings at 32 direct suppliers who employ 2,784 workers and at 293 indirect suppliers who employ 24,400 workers. Job losses will hit a wide range of occupations including automotive assemblers, warehouse, shipping/receiving, clerical, general assembly, skilled trades, management, and logistics workers.

Layoffs will hit residents of 29 counties in Northern California, challenging the resources of EDD and local Workforce Investment Agencies. The state submitted a National Emergency Grant (NEG) application on March 4, 2010 to U.S. Department of Labor for \$33 million. NEG is a grant program designed to meet the demands caused by major worker dislocations.

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