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## **Review of the Governor's Budget**

The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) has released their overview of the Governor's proposed budget for fiscal year 2009-2010. The summary below was provided by the LAO.

The Governor proposes \$19.9 billion of budget solutions in 2009-10 and 2010-11 to address the budget shortfall and create a \$1 billion reserve. While it is reasonable to assume the state will secure some new federal funding and flexibility, the chances that the state will receive all of what the Governor seeks from Washington are almost non-existent. The Legislature should assume that federal relief will be billions of dollars less than the Governor wants-necessitating that it make more very difficult decisions affecting both state revenues and spending. Many of this year's budget solutions will require significant time for departments to implement. Therefore, the Legislature and the Governor need to agree to a framework to solve much of the budget problem by the end of March.

The California Workforce Association will be analyzing the Governor's proposed budget and will provide an overview how this budget effects California's workforce investment system.

Full report and video available at the [California Legislative Analyst Office](#).

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## **Stimulus Opportunities for Small Business**

The Stimulus Opportunities for Small Business program resumes next month with events on February 3rd in Compton and February 4th in Riverside.

Hosted by the California Small Business Development Centers and Business Matchmaking, these events are FREE half-day sessions featuring buyers for state and federal government projects, as well as buyers from large corporations. They also feature local panelists offering insight into the latest developments in surety bonding and local workforce investment initiatives.

Additional information available at the [California Small Business Development Center](#).

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## **"Pathways Out of Poverty" Grant Recipients Announced**

Secretary of Labor, Hilda Solis, has announced \$150 million in green jobs training grants, as authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The "Pathways Out of Poverty" grants - as the group of funding awards is known - will support programs that help disadvantaged populations find ways out of poverty and into economic self-sufficiency through employment in energy efficiency and renewable energy industries.

California grant recipients include: Job for the Future, Inc., Los Angeles Community College District, National Council of La Raza, Northern Rural Training and Employment Consortium, and West Hills Community College.

The grants will support programs that help disadvantaged populations find ways out of poverty and into economic self-sufficiency through employment in energy efficiency and renewable energy industries.

Full press release available at the [U.S. Department of Labor](#).

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## **\$100 Million in Green Jobs Training Grants**

Secretary of Labor, Hilda Solis, has announced nearly \$100 million in green jobs training grants. The grants will support job training programs to help dislocated workers and others find jobs in expanding green industries and related occupations. Approximately \$28 million of the total funds will support projects in communities impacted by auto industry restructuring.

These grants are part of a larger Recovery Act initiative - totaling \$500 million - to fund workforce development projects that promote economic growth by preparing workers for careers in the energy efficiency and renewable energy industries. The Department of Labor expects to release funding for two remaining green grant award categories over the next several weeks.

Information available at the [U.S. Department of Labor](#).

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## **Webinar: Stimulus Dollars to Skills**

On January 21st, from 11:00 am to 12:15 pm, the National Association of Counties will host a Webinar on Recovery Act Investments and Activities. Panelists will include representatives from CWA, NAWB, and the Michigan Works! Association.

Local workforce investment boards are using Recovery Act funds to train and retrain adults, dislocated workers and youth for the new economy. Join for a review of new training programs being developed and a discussion of the challenges and opportunities they present. Participate to get new ideas about how your WIB can get residents back to work.

Webinar seats available at the [National Association of Counties](#).

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## **Recent News, Reports, Events and Other Resources**

### **Recent News:**

[President Obama Awards \\$2.3 Billion for New Clean-Tech Manufacturing Jobs](#)

[Senate Jobs Bill on Tap After Health Care](#)

[Obama Refocuses on Jobs After Weak Labor Report](#)

[Job Placements Up Fastest in 29 Months](#)

[State Education Plan Makes Parents Responsible](#)

[State Workforce Eyed in State Budget Proposal](#)

### **Reports:**

[Closing the Health Care Workforce Gap](#) - Center for American Progress

### **Events:**

[CWA Annual Youth Conference, A Billion Beats](#), January 19-21, 2010

[Stimulus Dollars to Skills](#) Webinar, January 21, 2010



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