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LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD
AWARDED FUNDING

In a news release dated May 13, 2010 the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency Secretary, Victoria Bradshaw, announced that North Central Counties Consortium (NCCC) was one of five agencies awarded a grant to provide innovative employment and training services funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Key to the success of the grant proposal is the collaborative partnerships which have been developed with other public agencies, non-profit organizations and local businesses. The funding totaling \$770,876 will be subcontracted to the NCCC One-Stops in Colusa, Glenn, Lake, Sutter and Yuba counties and Yuba College.

The grant will help prepare and train individuals for the demand industry of automotive hybrid technicians. This collaborative effort has a two fold purpose: 1) to increase the region's labor pool of qualified automotive technicians who will possess at least two ASE certifications and 2) to provide 1st responder Hybrid Electric Vehicle Safety Training for incumbent workers who are primarily (police officers, fire fighters, emergency medical technicians (EMT's) and tow truck drivers). The Regional Automotive Technician project will increase the region's labor pool of qualified automotive hybrid technicians. This program is slated to begin in June, 2010. 40 individuals will be served in the Automotive Technician Training and 200 individuals will be trained in the First Responder Hybrid Safety Training.

In addition, NCCC was awarded \$83,000 from the California State Workforce Investment Board to provide workforce services to approximately 40 youth with disabilities in the counties of Colusa and Glenn. This grant will be contracted to the Colusa and Glenn One-Stops. The goals of this grant are to assist youth with disabilities to increase their employment skills, work experience, literacy/numeracy skills and assist with completion of their high school education and entering post secondary education.

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