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### STATE WORKFORCE BOARD AWARDS MORE THAN \$48 MILLION AWARD TO ADVANCE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISADVANTAGED WORKERS

*The Resilient Workforce Fund advances a field of practice that addresses urgent questions of income inequality, economic competitiveness, and climate change through regional workforce strategies.*

SACRAMENTO, CA – The [California Workforce Development Board](http://www.cwdb.ca.gov) (CWDB), in collaboration with the [Labor and Workforce Development Agency](http://www.lwda.ca.gov), recently awarded more than \$48 million to 25 projects statewide to advance [High Road Training Partnerships](http://www.hrtf.ca.gov) (HRTF). The investment provides additional funding for statewide workforce development education and training to increase opportunities for individuals who experience barriers to employment. Partnerships represent a variety of industries, including healthcare; arts, media, and entertainment; oil well capping; and electric bus manufacturing

“High Road Training Partnerships deliver on the promise of a [California for All](http://www.californiaforall.com),” said California Workforce Development Board Executive Director Tim Rainey. “The Resilient Workforce Fund invests in industry-led, worker-informed efforts to support economically and environmentally resilient communities across the state.”

Today’s funding announcement is part of a larger, multi-level investment to advance state workforce development efforts to prioritize equity, quality jobs, and climate reliance while meeting regional labor market needs.

Projects receiving funding include:

- *\$8 million for the Inland Empire Regional Collaborative* - a consortium of 12 California community colleges and three not-for-credit training providers throughout the Inland Empire/Desert regions that is supporting 37 robust workforce development programs across four emerging industry sectors: Healthcare, Logistics, Water Treatment, and Utility Line Clearance/Arborist.
- *\$6.45 million for the California Legacy* - strategic partnership between Operating Engineers, the Laborers, and California Legacy Well Services LLC aims to bring high-paying, high-quality employment to a region that has become increasingly exposed to both economic decline as the state moves away from oil and gas extraction toward more sustainable and environmentally compatible energy sources
- *\$4.69 million Industry-led Career Upskilling in Property Services* – employs a sector-based workforce development strategy that targets workers in traditionally low-wage property services industries who come from low-income communities and often lack opportunities for

skill development; improve workers' employment-related skills through on-the-job paid training, and meets the skills needs of industry through labor-management collaboration while creating lasting change in the labor market.

- *\$4.6 million for the CWA District 9 Broadband Technician Training*- a program utilizing the time-tested effectiveness of apprenticeship training to support the completion of a robust digital communications infrastructure necessary to achieve the vital goal of increased climate resilience.
- *\$4 million for California Water, Wastewater, and Energy Workforce Development Program* - the Program will create a workforce pipeline for participants the water, wastewater, and point-of-use (POU) industry throughout the State.

A complete list of funding recipients can be found [here](#).

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