



State of California

Employment Training Panel

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Employment Training Panel Awards \$345,000 in Job Creation and Training Funds to Improve Public Transportation

SACRAMENTO – The State of California’s Employment Training Panel today approved \$345,000 in job training funds for Kinkisharyo International, LLC (Kinkisharyo), a North American subsidiary of Kinki Sharyo Co., Ltd. Based in Osaka, Japan. Kinkisharyo designs, manufactures, and maintains low-floor light railcars for transit agencies worldwide. The company’s expanding technological and manufacturing capabilities make it the top supplier of light rail vehicles in North America.

Kinkisharyo’s latest contract with LA Metro is to design and manufacture a total of 235 light rail vehicles. All light rail vehicles will be assembled on-site at the Kinkisharyo facilities in El Segundo and Palmdale. In the contract approved today, Kinkisharyo has committed to train 175 employees in new manufacturing skills, including 50 new-hire employees, under the Employment Training Panel’s Job Creation Initiative.

“The Employment Training Panel welcomes the opportunity to provide funding for workforce training that supports business expansion within our state,” said Stewart Knox, the Employment Training Panel’s Executive Director. “Funding approved under the Kinkisharyo training contract translates to new jobs and additional career opportunities for Southern California manufacturing workers, and also supports sustainable transportation growth.”

In recent months, Kinkisharyo has worked with the Los Angeles Black Worker Center’s “Ready to Work” social justice job readiness program, and nearly 90 percent of the “Ready to Work” graduates referred to Kinkisharyo were offered positions.

Kinkisharyo’s workforce training contract has been designed to meet the company’s quality standards and the specific delivery needs outlined in its contract with LA Metro. Training under the approved contract will improve efficiency and ensure staff knowledge and skills in assembling, wiring, piping, and welding operations. Training in company software programs will be offered to all occupations, and communication and leadership skills training will be offered to all managers and supervisors. The Employment Training Panel funds approved today will not displace the company’s existing financial commitments to workforce training.

“Continued investment in our local workforce has allowed us to meet the specific needs of our customers time and time again,” said Grace Adhikari, Vice President of Finance, IT, Contracts & Administration, at Kinkisharyo International, LLC. “As an international company, the needs of our customers vary regionally. Tailoring solutions to meet those needs is what continues to set our company apart, and continued workforce training allows us to do that on time and on budget.”

The Employment Training Panel is the state's premier program supporting job creation and retention through training. Today, it approved more than \$4.1 million to train more than 7,000 workers in regions throughout California. In total, the panel approved 25 training contracts aimed at supporting job creation and retention while increasing opportunities for workers through the development of job skills and training.

For more information about the program, please visit www.etp.ca.gov, or call 916-327-5368.

PROJECTS APPROVED
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REVIEW AND ACTION ON PROPOSALS

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>City/County</u>	<u>Contract Amt</u>
<u>North Hollywood Regional Office</u>		
CalPortland Company	Los Angeles, Orange & Santa Barbara	\$270,360
Heart Hospital of BK, LLC DBA Bakersfield Heart Hospital	Kern	\$248,400
Kinkisharyo International, LLC	Los Angeles	\$345,000
Quest Diagnostics Incorporated	Los Angeles, Orange, Sacramento & Santa Clara	\$424,926
Ralphs Grocery Company	Los Angeles & Riverside	\$424,650
The Kroger Company	Los Angeles, Orange & Riverside	\$424,224
Tooling University – Society of Manufacturing Engineers	Los Angeles, Orange & San Diego	\$192,500
<u>San Diego Regional Office</u>		
Associated General Contractors of America, San Diego Chapter, Inc., Apprenticeship & Training Trust	Orange, Riverside & San Diego	\$327,200
Penhall Company	Alameda, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Diego & Santa Clara	\$159,300
Riverside Healthcare Systems, LP DBA Riverside Community Hospital	Riverside	\$272,750

Dockstader and Dockstader, Inc.	Fresno	\$48,906
FlexCare LLC	Placer	\$49,500
U.S. Farm Systems	Stanislaus & Tulare	\$49,920