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**Workforce Investment Board of Solano County
Receives Funds for Veteran Training**

(Fairfield) - The Workforce Investment Board (WIB) of Solano County, in cooperation with the North Bay Employment Connection, a regional partnership of the Napa, Marin, Solano and Sonoma WIBs, has been awarded \$465,000 to administer a 22 month "Vet Train Project". The purpose of the project is to provide employment and training opportunities to eligible Veterans in this four county region.

This special grant will fund training and supportive services to assist Veterans in obtaining careers in a variety of high wage, high growth occupations. "This program offers a critical and responsive solution to the needs of many recently-separated and currently unemployed veterans," said Robert Bloom, Executive Director of the Workforce Investment Board.

The WIB has been operating successful Veterans employment and training programs for many years. This special grant was obtained through a competitive grant proposal process, and Solano County was one of thirteen areas in the State of California to receive funding. The program will focus on a specific group of occupations, including Psychiatric Technicians, Allied Healthcare, Fiber Optic Technicians, and Computer/Internet Security Technicians. There are prerequisites and eligibility requirements for each of these training programs

Interested veterans should call the Workforce Investment Board's Veterans hotline at (707) 863-3538 more information.

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