

## CA – CALIFORNIA

### ABSTRACT

The **California Employment Development Department** on behalf of the California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) will serve participants through regional, sector-based programs that build on the state's innovative, cost-effective, demand-driven education and training programs, all leading to credentials for living wage jobs that will stabilize California's local economies. With a high number of COVID-19 cases and deaths in the U.S., California is facing a deepening economic crisis, driven by the pandemic. Through the grant, the CWDB will expand California's successful High Road Training Partnership (HRTTP) framework to help dislocated workers return to the workforce. It will introduce new entrants to the workforce through in-demand jobs. It will also promote the transition of underemployed workers to new occupations.

With ESF-RWP funding, CWDB will support five industry-focused projects: Fresno Commercial Construction, California Line Clearance Tree Trimmers, Inland Empire Public Utilities, San Joaquin Valley Transit, and California Advanced Manufacturing. These projects will expand industry-driven partnerships and leverage the state's community college network and funding to build resilient pathways to economic stability for the state's most vulnerable regions through short-term training and credential attainment. In cooperation with local water districts, workforce development partners, employers, professional organizations, and community-based organizations (CBOs), partners will expand training and education opportunities that provide entry into construction careers, water utilities, public transit, industrial manufacturing, in-line clearance tree trimming, and vegetation management.

Key partners will include the Fresno Region Workforce Development Board, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Jewish Vocational Services of San Francisco, and the California Labor Federation.