



# FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Skills Development Council Meeting  
August 6, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.

Workforce Connection  
3170 W. Shaw Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93711  
Conference Rooms 105/106

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ROLL CALL

AGENDA CHANGES: REMOVAL OF ITEMS OR EMERGENCY ADDITIONS

ABSTENTIONS/RECUSALS/DISCLOSURE OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

COUNCIL CHAIR/STAFF COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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8.	November 5, 2025, Agenda Items	Konczal	No	Discussion	--
9.	Meeting Feedback	Konczal	No	Discussion	--

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**Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board  
Skills Development Council  
2025 Attendance Roster**

	2/5/2025	5/7/2025	8/6/2025	11/5/2025
Avila Trillium Flow Technologies	P	P		
Barnes State Cemter Federation of Teachers	--	--		
Dart Dart Realty	P	P		
Hensley Hensley Associates	P	P		
Miller Gazebo Gardens	P	A		
Olivares TransAmerica	P	P		
Vicente BMO Bank	P	A		
Zabrycki* CAPTRUST	A	P		
Zeitz Fresno County Economic Development Corporation	A	A		

\* = Chairperson

P = Present

A = Absent

-- = Not a Ratified Member at Time of Meeting

XX = Meeting Cancelled

# FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

AGENDA ITEM:	1
MEETING DATE:	August 6, 2025
ACTION:	APPROVE

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**TO:** Skills Development Council  
**FROM:** Blake Konczal, Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** May 7, 2025, Skills Development Council Meeting Minutes

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the minutes of the May 7, 2025, Skills Development Council Meeting.

**ATTACHMENT:**

May 7, 2025, Skills Development Council Meeting Minutes



# FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Skills Development Council  
May 7, 2025

## SUMMARY MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT – Stephen Avila, Douglas Dart, Jeff Hensley, Joe Olivares, and Lydia Zabrycki

ABSENT – Scott Miller, Sandra Vicente, and Chris Zeitz

AGENDA CHANGES: None

ABSTENTIONS/RECUSALS/  
DISCLOSURES OF  
POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF  
INTEREST: None

COUNCIL CHAIR/ STAFF  
COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Item	Description/Action Taken
1.	<p><b><u>February 5, 2025, Skills Development Council Meeting Minutes</u></b></p> <p>Blake Konczal, Executive Director, Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB), presented February 5, 2025, Skills Development Council (Council) meeting minutes for the Council's approval, or correction and approval.</p> <p><b>OLIVARES/AVILA – APPROVED THE FEBRUARY 5, 2025, SKILLS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES. (UNANIMOUS)</b></p>
2.	<p><b><u>Ratification of New Skills Development Council Member</u></b></p> <p>Mr. Konczal presented for recommendation to the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB), the ratification of Director Lenora Lacy Barnes to the Council.</p> <p><b>OLIVARES/HENSLEY – RECOMMENDED THAT THE FRWDB RATIFY NEW SKILLS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL MEMBER. (UNANIMOUS)</b></p>
3.	<p><b><u>Eligible Training Provider List Monitoring Report</u></b></p> <p>Cheryl Beierschmitt, Deputy Director Fiscal Services, FRWDB, presented for the Council's acceptance, the Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Monitoring Report for the Third Quarter of Program Year (PY) 2024-2025. She explained that FRWDB staff conducts monitoring of all ETPL providers to ensure they are in compliance with federal, state, and local regulations or policy.</p>

She indicated that monitoring of Agape College was completed during the Third Quarter of PY 2024-2025 and that monitoring was in process for the California Institute of Medical Science and the Clinical Training Institute. There were no findings for Agape College to address.

Director Olivares asked what steps were involved in the review process. Ms. Beirschmitt explained that some of the criteria included visiting sites, reviewing case files, sharing observations or recommendations, and sending final closing letters.

Director Olivares also asked if monitoring included placement rate information. Ms. Beirschmitt replied that it did not. Mr. Konczal shared that the state ETPL tracked placement rates and that schools that fall below a certain placement rate percentage no longer receive referrals. Mr. Konczal said he believed the placement rate to be 75%, but that he would confirm the percentage with Jose Espinoza, Training Manager, FRWDB.

Director Avila asked if it was common not to have any findings to address. Director Zabrycki replied that it was, and that no findings meant that schools were in compliance. Director Zabrycki asked where Agape College was located. Rebecca Moncivais, Monitoring Manager, FRWDB, replied that it was located in Downtown Fresno.

**OLIVARES/AVILA – RECOMMENDED THAT THE FRWDB ACCEPT THE ELIGIBLE TRAINING PROVIDER LIST MONITORING REPORT. (UNANIMOUS)**

**4. Forestry Corps Update**

At the request of Director Zabrycki at the January 2025, Executive Committee meeting, Mr. Konczal provided an update of the FRWDB's Forestry Corps program. Mr. Konczal shared that the FRWDB was trying to expand the Forestry Corps with grants that have been received by the State Workforce Board, Cal Fire, and the State of California. Mr. Konczal indicated that the FRWDB's Forestry Corps was now the Golden State Forestry Corps due to the expansion of the program to Tuolumne, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. Mr. Konczal also shared that the FRWDB was seeking for the federal government to designate a portion of the land in the Stanislaus National Forest as a training reserve.

This was an information item.

**5. Individual Training Account Overview**

Mr. Espinoza gave the Council an overview of the FRWDB's participant training activities and expenditures for the period of July 2024 through March 2025. Mr. Espinoza reviewed the industries in which participants were trained, the total number of individuals enrolled, how many participants completed these training programs, and how many were still actively training. He also reviewed the total Individual Training Account expenditures, highlighting Healthcare and Accounting as two (2) of the top performing industries.

This was an information item.

**6. Special Grants Training Overview**

Ashley Matthews, Senior Special Projects Manager, FRWDB, spoke about the ValleyBuild Apprenticeship Readiness Program and the multiple grants that fund that project. Ms. Matthews shared a PowerPoint that included overviews of each special grant's regional performance progress. She also announced that due to approved funding, the co-ed cohort for ValleyBuild would be partially at the Fresno City College campus, and an Expo would be planned for the next graduation.

Ms. Matthews also shared photos of ValleyBuild graduations, the Women's Conference, and the Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program's 15-year Luncheon.

Director Avila asked what level of follow-up occurred with participants who had not graduated. Ms. Matthews replied that participants still received retention and job placement services, as well as continued communication with Ashlee Marquez, Project Coordinator, FRWDB, and that Ms. Marquez also communicated with participant's case managers, as well.

Director Hensley asked if any lessons were learned about having to manage regional programs and if a different skillset was being developed. Ms. Matthews replied that lessons were learned, and that one important skillset adapted was people management.

Beatriz Lopez, Special Projects Interim Manager, FRWDB spoke about the Greater Sierra Forestry Corps and that program's regional performance process. Ms. Lopez also shared photos of the activities of Fresno Cohort 11; the Cohort 10 Achievement Award Winner, Joshua Swindell; and the Adult Business of Excellence Award winner, BurnBot, Inc.

Director Olivares shared with the Council that he received an email stating that the Federal Administration was pulling their funding back, impacting placement availability and that he hoped the FRWDB was preparing for this since a lot of construction training had been done with much success.

This was an information item.

## **7. Discretionary Grants Report**

Va Xiong, Program Manager, FRWDB, presented an overview of the discretionary grant funding for the Council's review. Ms. Xiong discussed the Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training Grant; the Fresno Fatherhood Grant; the Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships Grant; the Student Training and Employment Program 2.0 Grant; the Prison to Employment Grant; and the English Language Learner Integrated Education and Training Grant. In her overview, Ms. Xiong stated each grant's purpose, target population, and period of performance. Ms. Xiong indicated that each grant was at various stages of their grant cycle, as she discussed each grants' progress through December 2025.

This was an information item.

## **8. Overview of Staff Trainings**

Mr. Espinoza presented an overview of staff trainings scheduled for the Third Quarter of PY 2024-2025. Mr. Espinoza updated the Council on the staff trainings that had already occurred, including Stress Management training in January 2025 and the Customer Service training in February 2025. He noted that training for March was postponed until April 22, 2025, which was in the Fourth Quarter of PY 2024-2025.

Mr. Espinoza also presented an overview of other staff trainings scheduled for the Fourth Quarter of PY 2024-2025, which included FRWDB's All Staff Conference and Eligibility and Intake Procedures training.

This was an information item.

9. **Information Sharing**

Mr. Konczal shared information concerning the status of the federal funding of workforce programs. He stated that he learned that the current President of the United States released a budget, which included a reduction in overall federal spending on workforce programs by 23% through the elimination of duplicative programs. He also shared that the federal government was considering an increase in the mandatory training funds from 30% to 50% for adult programs, and to 40% for youth programs. He also shared that the FRWDB had planned to be proactive in anticipation of these changes.

This was an information item.

10. **August 6, 2025, Agenda Items**

There were no items recommended for the August 6, 2025, Skills Development Council meeting agenda.

11. **Meeting Feedback**

There was no meeting feedback provided.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

# FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

AGENDA ITEM:	2
MEETING DATE:	August 6, 2025
ACTION:	RECOMMEND TO ACCEPT

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**TO:** Skills Development Council  
**FROM:** Rebecca Moncivais, Monitoring Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Eligible Training Provider List Monitoring Report

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommend that the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) accept the following Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Monitoring Report for the Fourth Quarter of Program Year 2024 – 2025.

## **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

FRWDB staff conducts monitoring of all ETPL providers to ensure compliance with federal, state, and local regulations and/or policies.

The attached table is an overview of the ETPL monitoring during the period of April 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025.

## **ATTACHMENT:**

Eligible Training Provider List Monitoring Report – Fourth Quarter, Program Year 2024-2025



## Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL) Monitoring Report

### Fourth Quarter, Program Year 2024-2025

Monitoring of the following school was **completed** during the fourth quarter of Program Year 2024-2025:

School	State ID	Results
160 Driving Academy	8229	No Findings
Advanced Career Institute	13	No Findings
Career Development Solutions	238	No Findings
California Institute of Medical Science	65	No Findings
Dental Assisting Institute	40	No Findings
Fresno Adult School	529	No Findings
GRID Alternatives	7510	No Findings
P. Steve Ramirez Vocational Training Centers	4942	No Findings
Police Science Institute	855	No Findings
State Center Community College District, Training Institute	8660	No Findings
United Truck Driving School	1078	No Findings

Monitoring of the following schools was in **process** during the fourth quarter of Program Year 2024-2025:

School	State ID	Results
Clovis Adult Education	493	In Process
Fresno, Madera, Kern, Tulare, Construction Trades Council	5245	In Process
Valley Regional Occupational Program	7591	In Process

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AGENDA ITEM: 3

MEETING DATE: August 6, 2025

ACTION: INFORMATION

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**TO:** Skills Development Council

**FROM:** Jose Espinoza, Training Manager

**SUBJECT:** Individual Training Account Overview

## INFORMATION:

This following report is for the period of July 2024 – June 2025.

Industry	Enrolled	Completed	Active	Total ITA Expenditures
Accommodation and Food Services	3	3	0	\$ 23,412.33
Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, and Payroll	61	31	30	350,500.54
Administrative and Support Services	36	33	3	243,210.00
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	2	1	1	17,837.45
Automotive Services	1	0	1	824.10
Bus Driver	3	3	0	14,985.00
Construction	51	27	24	309,500.75
Contract Management	1	0	1	0
Energy	12	12	0	37,107.00
Health Care and Social Assistance	323	209	114	1,494,879.28
Information Services	57	42	15	302,552.12
Manufacturing	49	21	28	370,632.61
Marketing Analysis Services	3	2	1	4,692.50
Personal Care Services	2	2	0	3,750.00
Real Estate Rental and Leasing	1	1	0	2,667.00
Transportation and Warehousing	98	94	4	371,155.75
	<b>703</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>\$3,547,706.43</b>

- a – No participants have completed the program during this period.
- b – No funds have been expended for this activity yet.
- c – No participants are currently active.

**Enrolled:** Training activities that were open at some point during the period, regardless of the begin date of the activity.

**Completed:** Training activities that ended during the period.

**Active:** Training activities that were open as of March 31, 2025.

**Expenditures:** The amount that has been paid for the activities shown, through March 31, 2025.

The following report is based on unique individuals.

	Total in Training	All Completed Training Activity	Active Training Activity	Total Unique Clients	Male	Female
Urban	507	350	157	479	240	239
Rural	196	131	65	184	85	99
Urban & Rural Total	703	481	222	663	325	338

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**TO:** Skills Development Council  
**FROM:** Ashley Matthews, Senior Manager Special Projects  
**SUBJECT:** Special Grants Training Overview

## **INFORMATION:**

Competitive grant funding opportunities enable the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) to bring special workforce development projects to Fresno and surrounding counties. Through various funding sources, these projects aim to establish pathways to employment in Forestry and Construction and support the development of a resilient workforce.

## **ValleyBuild**

To provide skilled training to unemployed, underemployed and barriered individuals in the in-demand construction sector in partnership with 14 counties.

The ValleyBuild Apprenticeship Readiness Program consists of an intensive six (6)-week, full-time, Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3) certified training in partnership with local Building Trade Councils providing hands-on skills training. Participants receive industry recognized certificates such as OSHA 10, CPR/First Aid, Forklift, and Hazardous Waste Awareness. Wrap-around job services such as physical training, resume development, mock interviewing and supportive services are provided to ensure a high rate of employment for students upon graduation. Enhanced services include a three (3) to four (4)-week preparatory "Bootcamp" and eight (8)-week paid work experience, post MC3.

ValleyBuild currently operates under seven (7) active grants:

### **High Roads Construction Careers - High Road Recovery Partnership (HRRP) Round Two (Regional) \$185,000.00**

Purpose: FRWDB was awarded a \$185,000 contract under the Foundation for California Community College's HRRP Phase Two grant to conduct an Apprenticeship Readiness Program Equity Study, and to work with the Yosemite Community College District to evaluate the FRWDB ValleyBuild MC3 program for college credits.

Target Population: N/A

Period of Performance: 12/13/2023 – 9/30/2025

### **High Road Construction Careers: Resilient Workforce Fund (Regional) \$8,825,127.00**

Purpose: The grant aims to advance careers in the building and construction trades as a reliable pathway to the middle class for disadvantaged Californians via multi-craft pre-apprenticeship training and promotes adoption of local hiring provisions in public construction contracts.

Target Population: Women, English Language Learners, Justice Involved, Youth, and under-resourced individuals.

Period of Performance: 06/01/2023 - 03/31/2026

**ValleyBuild NOW State Earmark (Regional) \$3,000,000.00**

Purpose: The grant will support the expansion of the ValleyBuild NOW (Non-Traditional Occupations for Women) program to serve low-income women and under-represented groups more effectively through specialized pre-apprenticeship training that will prepare them for careers in the building and construction trades by:

- Increasing opportunities for women and under-represented groups in the building and construction trades
- Adopting strategies that make participation in training possible for low-income women
- Supporting, encouraging, and coaching women throughout the apprenticeship phase of their new careers in construction

Target Population: Women and other underrepresented populations in the construction sector.

Period of Performance: 04/01/2023 - 12/31/2025

Additional Deliverables:

- Hold two (2) annual conferences focusing on women in non-traditional work
- Create "Respectful Workplace" training for construction sector employer use

**Good Jobs Challenge (Local) \$1,807,382.48**

Purpose: The Fresno County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) was awarded funding in partnership with the Fresno K-16 Collaborative, San Joaquin Valley Manufacturing Alliance, Generation USA, Madera Workforce Development Board, and FRWDB under the Economic Development Administration's American Rescue Plan Good Jobs Challenge. \$23,015,216 was awarded to Fresno County EDC to fund the project in the Central Valley. Serving as the construction backbone of the project, the FRWDB was awarded \$1,807,382.48 in grant funds to expand career opportunities for Americans to reach their full potential and secure good-paying jobs. Specifically, this funding will support the expansion of the ValleyBuild program and will prepare jobseekers for careers in the building and construction trades.

Target Population: All

Period of Performance: 06/01/2023 - 09/30/2027

**Equal Representation in Construction Apprenticeship (ERiCA) (Regional) \$2,000,000.00**

Purpose: This grant seeks to improve access to training and employment opportunities for underserved populations in construction trades across all communities throughout the state, by providing supportive resources for childcare, along with outreach to and community building among underserved populations.

Target Populations:

- a. Pre-apprenticeship: This funding will go to California Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS) registered construction pre-apprenticeship programs that are providing direct support for parents/legal guardians who are pre-apprentices in construction careers. The amount awarded will be calculated as follows:
  - \$5,000 per eligible participant served within the grant period in a DAS registered pre-apprenticeship program.
- b. Apprenticeship: This funding will go to DAS registered construction apprenticeship programs hiring apprentices that are parents/legal guardians. The amount would be calculated as follows:

- \$10,000 per eligible participant served per year in a DAS registered construction apprenticeship program in which the apprentice was active within the grant period.

Eligible participants are those apprentices or pre-apprentices that are parents/legal guardians to children under the age of 18.

Period of Performance: 08/29/2023 - 12/31/2025

**High Roads Construction Careers (HRCC) – State Community College Center District (Local)  
\$204,148.00**

Purpose: FRWDB was awarded a \$204,148.00 contract under the State Center Community College District's HRCC grant to support the ValleyBuild Project with additional staffing and outreach events, including a career fair, women's conference trip, and National Apprentice Week event.

Target Population: N/A

Period of Performance: 10/1/24 – 9/30/2025

**High Roads Training Partnership (HRTTP) – California Legacy Well Service (CLWS) (Regional) \$40,000.00**

Purpose: FRWDB was awarded a \$40,000.00 contract under the CLWS's HRTTP grant to conduct four (4), one (1)-week supplemental well-capping training for the ValleyBuild Cohorts planned in Kern County. Students will then be eligible for direct hire and/or work experience with CLWS.

Target Population: N/A

Period of Performance: 7/19/2023 – 3/16/2026

**Greater Sierra Forestry Corps**

Greater Sierra Forestry Corps (GSFC) is a partnership of private industry, workforce agencies, community colleges, organized labor, and environmental organizations committed to bringing additional resources to train new workers to deal with the ever-growing problem of dead and dying trees in the Greater Sierra. Partners include Mother Lode Job Training, Columbia College, Sierra Resource Management, Yosemite Adult School, Cal FIRE Local 2881, National Federation of Federal Employees: Forest Service Council 2995, Associated California Loggers, Sierra Pacific Industries, TuCare, Tuolumne River Trust, Yosemite Stanislaus Solutions, Sierra Resource Conservation District.

The program consists of an intensive three (3)-phase 22-week, full-time training in partnership with local Conservation Corps and Adult Education providers delivering hands-on skills training. Participants receive industry recognized certificates listed below. Wrap around job services such as physical training, resume development, mock interviewing and supportive services are provided to ensure a high rate of employment for students upon graduation. Training time includes an eight (8)-week paid work experience.

Certifications:  
NWCG-S-212, Wildland Fire Chainsaws  
HAZWOPER-40  
OSHA-10  
First Aid/CPR

NWCG Certifications:  
S-212  
L-180  
S-190  
S-130  
FEMA-ICS-100

FEMA-ICS-200  
FEMA-ICS-700  
FEMA-ICS-800

The GSFC currently operates under two (2) active grants:

**Cal Fire Round 2 (Regional) \$1,973,614.60**

Purpose: This funding will expand the GSFC model to provide valuable forestry training to 85 residents in Fresno County and the Mother Lode region, including but not limited to Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, and Tuolumne counties.

Target Population: Adult, Dislocated Workers, and Youth

Period of Performance: 03/22/2023 - 03/31/2026

**High Road Training Partnership- Resilient Workforce Fund (Regional) \$2,500,000.00**

Purpose: The grant will support the development of a skilled workforce necessary to mitigate or adapt to climate disruption and environmental threats. Specifically, this funding will support the expansion of the GSFC program, a best practice model developed to recruit, train, provide work experience, and link local residents to quality entry-level jobs in the forestry sector.

Target Population: Adult, Dislocated Workers, and Youth

Period of Performance: 06/01/2023 - 03/31/2026



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ACTION:	INFORMATION

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**TO:** Skills Development Council  
**FROM:** Ka Xiong, Contracting Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Discretionary Grants Report

## **INFORMATION:**

Competitive grant funding opportunities enable the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) to bring additional workforce development resources to Fresno and surrounding counties. Through various funding sources, these projects aim to establish pathways to employment in a variety of sectors and support the development of a resilient workforce.

### **Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy, and Training (QUEST) Grant - \$750,000.00**

Purpose: Provides targeted outreach to long-term unemployed and dislocated workers in Fresno County. The initiative supports employment equity and individual, community, and industry resilience as the nation prioritizes economic and employment recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Target Population: Long-Term Unemployed and Dislocated Workers

Period of Performance: October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2025

### **Performance Updates through March 31, 2025:**

FRWDB	Proposed Goal to Date	Actual To Date	Percentage
Enrollment	173	190	110%
Transitional Jobs	26	24	92%
Training	36	32	89%
Support Services	136	92	68%

Updates: Enrollment numbers have been met. Close out to begin in August 2025.

### **Fresno Fatherhood Grant - \$749,999.00**

Purpose: Provides a broad array of services to promote or sustain healthy marriage and relationships, strengthen positive father-child engagement, and improve employment and economic stability opportunities for adult fathers in Fresno County.

Target Population: Community fathers who have children ages 24 and younger

Period of Performance: Year Five (5): Scheduled to complete by September 30, 2025



**Performance Updates:**

FRWDB	Proposed Goal to Date	Actual To Date	Percentage
Enrollment	94	91	97%
Completed 90% or More of Fatherhood Workshops	75	64	85%
Completed Economic Stability Workshops	75	62	83%

Updates: Expansion into Parlier to begin in August 2025.

**Regional Equity and Recovery Partnerships (RERP) – \$1,050,729.00**

Purpose: The RERP program seeks to enhance partnerships and collaboration between Workforce Development Boards and Community Colleges and improve job quality and access for Californians.

Target Population: English Language Learners, Homeless and Housing Insecure, Immigrants, Justice-Involved, People with Disabilities, Veterans, Out of School Youth, First Generation College Students, Residents of Disadvantaged Communities, Low-income Communities, Low-income Households, Dislocated Workers.

Period of Performance: December 1, 2022, to December 31, 2026

Target Industries: Construction, Manufacturing, Healthcare, Logistics/Transportation

**Performance Updates:**

FRWDB	Proposed Goal to Date*	Actual To Date	Percentage
Enrollment	110	85	78%
Training	92	42	46%
Completed Training	90	32	36%
Attained Certificate or Credential	56	32	57%
State Approved Apprenticeship	20	0	0%
Industry Sector Placement	36	6	17%
Non-Industry/Sector Placement	10	8	80%

Updates: One (1)-year extension granted to December 31, 2026. Continue to focus on recruitment and enrollment into the program.

\*Proposed Goals to Date are based on grant ending on December 31, 2025.

**Student Training and Employment Program 2.0 (STEP 2.0) Grant - \$745,001.80**

Purpose: Provides work experience, job preparation training, and job exploration for students with disabilities in collaboration with the Department of Rehabilitation.

Target Population: Students with Disabilities

Period of Performance: Year One (1): February 16, 2024, to December 31, 2024

**Performance Updates for Year One (1):**

America Works	Proposed Goal to Date	Actual To Date	Percentage
Enrollment	100	100	100%
Entered Work Readiness Workshop	100	100	100%
Entered Work Experience	100	69	69%

Period of Performance: Year One (1): January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025

**Performance Updates for Year Two (2):**

America Works	Proposed Goal to Date	Actual To Date	Percentage
Enrollment	35	10	29%
Entered Work Readiness Workshop	35	6	17%
Entered Work Experience	25	0	0%

Updates: Year One enrollment has been met. Staff have begun enrolling participants for Year Two (2).

**Prison to Employment (P2E) – \$719,723.00**

Purpose: Provides services to support personal development, training, and the employment needs of justice-involved and formerly incarcerated individuals in Fresno County.

Target Population: Justice-involved and formerly incarcerated

Period of Performance: July 11, 2023, to December 31, 2026

**Performance Updates:**

America Works	Proposed Goal to Date	Actual To Date	Percentage
Enrollment	61	61	100%

Updates: One (1)-year extension granted to December 31, 2026; however, enrollment numbers have been met. Staff will focus the next year and a half on serving active participants and close out individuals that have received employment.

**English Language Learner (ELL) Integrated Education and Training (IET) Grant - \$3,330,000.00**

Purpose: Utilizes an Integrated Education and Training program model designed to integrate occupational skills training with adult education services. This project will increase access to career pathways and bridge educational gaps for ELLs with significant barriers to high quality employment to enter and advance in the workforce. The project focuses on three training pathways: Certified Nursing Assistant, Heavy Equipment Operators, and Wildland Firefighting

Target Population: ELLs

Period of Performance: October 3, 2023, to December 31, 2026

### Performance Updates:

Centro La Familia	Proposed Goal to Date	Actual To Date	Percentage
Enrollment	90	98	109%
Enrolled in Integrated Education and Training	90	70	78%
Completed IET	68	63	93%
Exits	15	30	200%
Employed at Exit	51	0	0%

Updates: Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Cohort #3: August 5, 2025, and scheduled to complete December 13, 2025, 15 active participants. Wildland Firefighter (WLF) Cohort #3: August 18, 2025, and scheduled to complete October 9, 2025, 15 active participants. Heavy Equipment Operator (HEO) Cohort #3, August 16, 2025, and scheduled to complete October 4, 2025, 12 active participants. Recruitment is completed for this upcoming cohort as all classes are at capacity at this time.

# FRESNO REGIONAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

AGENDA ITEM: 6
MEETING DATE: August 6, 2025
ACTION: INFORMATION

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**TO:** Skills Development Council  
**FROM:** Jose Espinoza, Training Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Overview of Staff Trainings

## **INFORMATION:**

The list below shows trainings that occurred during the Fourth Quarter of Program Year 2024-2025. These trainings were made available for Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board staff, Provider staff, and partner staff.

1. April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Career Coaching
2. May 29<sup>th</sup> – All Staff Conference
3. June – Youth Eligibility & Intake Procedures postponed

The following trainings have occurred or will be offered during the First Quarter of PY 2025-2026:

1. July 25<sup>th</sup> - Time Management
2. August 6<sup>th</sup> - Youth Eligibility & Intake Procedures
3. September 11<sup>th</sup> - Compliance Guidance