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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: RAPID RESPONSE SPECIAL PROJECTS SOLICITATION

This Information Notice announces the final disposition of funding for Rapid Response Special Projects as outlined in Workforce Services Directive [WSD07-2](#).

On September 6, 2007, The Employment Development Department (EDD) published Workforce Services Directive WSD07-02 announcing an SFP for up to \$3.3 million from the State's Rapid Response account for Rapid Response Special Projects. In response to this announcement, EDD received 33 proposals requesting a total of nearly \$7 million in funding. The proposals were scored and ranked. However, before funding recommendations could be finalized, the State had to address three different federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) rescissions. Implementation of the recessions required both the State and Local Workforce Investment Areas to return funding to the federal government. The most significant funding reduction was a \$250 million rescission to the States' unexpended Program Year 2005/2006 allotments for all three WIA funding sources.

When the Department of Labor provided final rescission amounts to States it was clear that California needed additional dislocated worker funds beyond those remaining in the WIA Dislocated Worker 25 percent account to "cover" the final rescission funding amounts. This resulted in nearly all of the \$3.3 million set aside for these competitive grants being used to cover the final rescissions noted above.

As a result, no Rapid Response Special Projects will be funded this Program Year. Please contact your [Regional Advisor](#) if you have questions.

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