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## San Mateo County joins NOVA Workforce Consortium

NOVA, the federally funded workforce development agency that has served a consortium of cities in northern Santa Clara County since 1982, proudly welcomes San Mateo County to the NOVA consortium. NOVA, through the NOVA Job Center in Sunnyvale, provides customer-focused services to individuals seeking re-employment, as well as to local businesses seeking professional solutions for human resource issues.

The County of San Mateo, which has administered similar services throughout San Mateo County, chose to discontinue its administration of workforce development services and asked to join the NOVA consortium to ensure uninterrupted services to the residents and businesses of San Mateo County.

With this change that takes effect July 1, NOVA will now represent a labor force of more than 760,000 or 4 percent of California's labor force and will become the largest workforce investment area in Northern California. "NOVA looks forward to representing the workforce needs of job seekers and employers in the region and working to ensure a better quality of life and more prosperous community for all," stated NOVA director, Kris Stadelman.

The proposed change is occurring at the same time as the local workforce development system transitions from the federal authorizing legislation Workforce Investment Act to the new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) that promotes greater efficiencies and increased regional collaboration. San Mateo County joining the NOVA consortium supports the spirit and intent of WIOA. On June 23, the California Workforce Investment Board recommended approval of this change. Governor Brown has concurred with this change.

Workforce development services in San Mateo County have been provided by independent contractors at established job centers in Daly City, San Mateo, and Menlo Park. Job seekers can seek assistance through any of these job centers, as services will continue without disruption at these sites and at the NOVA Job Center in Sunnyvale.

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- For additional information about NOVA or the services provided by the NOVA Job Center, visit NOVA online at [www.novaworks.org](http://www.novaworks.org).
- For information about the services available through the three job centers located in San Mateo County, visit <http://www.peninsulaworks.org>.

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