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NOVA receives \$1.5 million to serve 421 Silicon Valley workers

SUNNYVALE — NOVA Workforce Board was awarded \$1.5 million yesterday from the California Employment Development Department (EDD). These funds will allow NOVA to provide services to 421 laid-off workers in Silicon Valley through NOVA's three job centers located in Sunnyvale, San Mateo, and San Bruno.

Silicon Valley is known for its abundance of high-tech jobs and for its extremely high cost of living. The technology that drives the region's success evolves rapidly, resulting in a constant labor churn that is hidden by the region's low rate of unemployment. Workers may be laid off from a company that is hiring in a different division or for different skill sets, resulting in a negligible net change in employment. Because of the cost of living, however, individuals affected by layoffs often struggle financially between jobs.

"We are grateful to the state of California for recognizing the turbulence in our unique labor market and awarding funding so that we may address the need for training, re-training and up-skilling that our unemployed workers need and that employers demand to keep this economy moving," stated NOVA Executive Director Kris Stadelman.

NOVA Job Centers provide customized career services to laid-off workers throughout the Silicon Valley region. Experienced staff members meet individually with customers and facilitate a variety of workshops, classes, and labs that provide understanding of effective resumé design, interview preparation, and the essential art of networking, as well as many other necessary job-search skills to assist local residents in their return to the labor force.

This grant is provided through discretionary funds made available to Governor Brown in accordance with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and is under the administrative authority of the EDD and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.

For additional information, contact NOVA Executive Director Kris Stadelman at kstadelman@novaworks.org or 408-730-7232. For more information about NOVA or the services offered through the job centers, visit NOVA online at novaworks.org.

About NOVA:

The NOVA Workforce Board, in conjunction with the City of Sunnyvale, oversees the services and activities of NOVA, a grant-funded workforce development agency serving San Mateo County and northern Santa Clara County. Additional information on NOVA and its services is available at novaworks.org.

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