

Funding Will Help Support Workers Affected by Local Plant Closure

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Washington, D.C. – Congressman Jerry McNerney (D-Stockton) announced that San Joaquin WorkNET will receive \$196,043 in National Emergency Grant (NEG) funding from the Department of Labor (DOL) to continue providing reemployment and training services to the workers affected by the closure of the New United Motors Manufacturing, Inc. (NUMMI).

“Our region has been plagued time and again by the economic downturn of recent years. It is critical that we put people back to work in good-paying jobs, allowing them to thrive in our community. Creating jobs and putting people back to work is one of the most important things I can do in our area,” said Rep. McNerney.

The NEG supplemental funding provides reemployment and training assistance to workers affected by the NUMMI closure, working in concert with the services they receive through their Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) benefits. Combined, these two benefits will help with the services these citizens need to successfully find employment.

The NEG funding was first awarded for these workers in June of 2010, with subsequent funds awarded in June 2011. This increase marks the third installment of funding to bolster the services. NEGs temporarily expand services provided through the Workforce Investment Dislocated Worker training and employment programs in response to large, unexpected economic events which cause significant job losses.

“It is important to provide resources to help workers quickly find reemployment through training and broadening their occupational skills. Here in San Joaquin County, we have a ‘can do’ attitude, and I know these workers are diligently working towards finding new jobs. Facilitating this process is an important step in helping our local economy to get back on track and spur job growth,” said Rep. McNerney.

“Thanks to the Department of Labor and Congressman McNerney’s support, WorkNET will be able to continue assisting former NUMMI workers and suppliers with training and helping them to find new jobs,” said John Solis, Executive Director, WorkNET of San Joaquin County.