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State of California's Employment Training Panel Awards CMTC a Contract Worth \$950,000 to Train 850 Manufacturing Employees

Torrance, CA – November 2, 2016 – The State of California's Employment Training Panel (ETP) recently awarded CMTC a competitive contract to train manufacturing employees across the state. The panel unanimously approved CMTC's proposal at their October 28, 2016 meeting in Sacramento. Cheryl Slobodian, CMTC's Director, Strategic Partnerships & State Relations states, "This California state-wide contract brings much needed training to small manufacturers in the state. CMTC will train approximately 850 manufacturing employees at nearly 100 small manufacturers at sites throughout California. This is a win-win program for employees and manufacturers and will give an economic boost to the economy of the state." This latest contract follows CMTC's award by the Department of Commerce to expand employee training services state-wide.

CMTC's staff of experts will provide employee training in the following areas:

- Continuous Quality Improvement
- Management Skills
- Business Skills
- Computer Skills
- Manufacturing Skills
- Literacy Skills

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Employees being trained under this program will receive minimum wage as designated by the county where the job is located, plus health benefits including medical, dental and vision.

In the ETP contract, CMTC will work with employers to structure training programs that target key improvements for companies and that lead to job stability and ensure solid wages for trainees. Data from employers will be collected at the start of the program to verify their eligibility in the program. CMTC consultants will then work with the chosen manufacturers to establish training goals and schedules that will meet each company's objectives. At the conclusion of the program, employee retention, wages and healthcare benefits will be verified to confirm that ETP requirements have been met.

About CMTC

CMTC, a private non-profit corporation, was established in 1992 to provide consulting services to small and mid-size manufacturers in California. CMTC operates through a cooperative agreement between the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) under the Department of Commerce. For more information visit www.cmtc.com.

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