



# San Bernardino County

## Legislation Text

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**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

**April 7, 2020**

**FROM**

**GILBERT RAMOS, Director, Transitional Assistance Department**

**SUBJECT**

Contract with Technical Employment Training, Inc. for Machine Trades Vocational Education and Training Services

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Approve contract with Technical Employment Training, Inc. for the provision of Machine Trades Vocational Education and Training Services, in a total amount not to exceed \$1,386,000, for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

(Presenter: Gilbert Ramos, Director, 388-0245)

**COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

**Create, Maintain and Grow Jobs and Economic Value in the County.**

**Provide for the Safety, Health and Social Service Needs of County Residents.**

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

This item does not impact Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost) as the cost of this contract is 100% federally funded by the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Single Allocation. Adequate appropriation and revenue will be included in the Human Services Administrative 2020-21 recommended budget in future recommended budgets.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Under the terms of the recommended contract, Technical Employment Training, Inc. (TET) will provide Machine Trades Vocational Education and Training Program services to approximately 180 CalWORKs customers for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

Since the passage of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) agencies have been required to improve Work Participation Rates (WPR) and engage more TANF customers in productive work activities. Since March 2001, the Transitional Assistance Department (TAD) has provided the mandated education services through contracted vendors in order to enable CalWORKs customers to transition from welfare to self-sufficiency.

These education services include vocational education/training that will result in unsubsidized employment and economic self-sufficiency, while also helping the County to meet the federally mandated WPR.

TET is a unique non-profit business and education cooperative that was formed in partnership with the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools to provide manufacturing trades education and hands-on machinist skills training to prepare students for National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) credentials. Students that achieve competency in the entire 630 hour curriculum will prepare and take the examination for two NIMS Machining Level 1 certifications. NIMS certifies individual skills against the national standards. Industry uses the credentials to recruit, hire, place, and promote individual workers.

TET's curriculum is designed for students with no prerequisite skills. The course of instruction is 630 hours of classroom, computer training, and hands-on training in the machine shop. The classes include introduction to machining processes, safe operation, quality control, basic math, basic blueprint reading, metrology, inspection, basic machine operations, Computer Aided Machining, entry level Computer Numerical Control operations, team building, and leadership skills. The last block of the training includes resume writing and job interviewing. The machine shop is an operating business. TET provides actual manufacturing services to contracted industries where students gain hands-on experience and are provided with opportunities for employment.

Contractor performance will be monitored by reviewing the progress of each CalWORKs customer and an annual review for compliance with the administrative, fiscal, and program terms and conditions of the contract.

#### **PROCUREMENT**

The Purchasing Department has determined that the non-competitive nature of this contract is justified as TET is the only machine trades program within San Bernardino County that is accredited by NIMS.

#### **REVIEW BY OTHERS**

This item has been reviewed by Human Services Contracts (Jennifer Mulhall-Daudel, Contracts Manager, 388-0241) on February 18, 2020; County Counsel (Adam Ebright, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on February 26, 2020; Finance (John Hallen, Administrative Analyst, 388-0208) on March 18, 2020; Purchasing (Leo Gomez, Purchasing Manager, 387-2063) on March 2, 2020; and County Finance and Administration (Tanya Bratton, Deputy Executive Officer, 388-0332) on March 18, 2020.