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## Subsidized Employment Program: An Opportunity for Employers and Job Seekers

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County has been working with employers to provide new job opportunities through the Subsidized Employment Program. The program, administered through the Health & Human Services Agency, incentivizes local employers by cutting employment costs when hiring Yolo County residents, while also assisting eligible low-income job seekers otherwise unable to find employment.

The Subsidized Employment Program reimburses participating employers eligible employee wages and unemployment insurance costs for up to a year. This reimbursement is made possible through the CalWORKs Employment Services Program. Jobs made available through the program are not meant to displace current employees and may be, but are not limited to, entry-level positions. While the Yolo County Health & Human Services Agency provides potential employee applicants to participating employers, the employer is fully in control of deciding who to hire. The employer is also responsible for providing supervision and training.

Since the inception of the program, nearly 30 employers have qualified for the Subsidized Employment Program and are working directly with Yolo County to train, hire and, as a result, help get eligible low-income residents back into the working "mainstream" of the community.

"One of Yolo County's strategic goals is Thriving Residents, which includes providing services and opportunities that help residents achieve and maintain self-sufficiency," said Yolo County Health & Human Services Director Karen Larsen. "The Subsidized Employment Program not only assists with employment opportunities – a challenge still for many – it also helps our local businesses expand their capacity and bolsters our local economy."

For more information on the Subsidized Employment Program, call (916) 375-6215.

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