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Take Advantage of Free Employee Training

The Ventura County Community College District (VCCCD) has been awarded a grant of \$425,000 to provide training to companies at risk of possible layoffs. This is a great opportunity for certain Camarillo businesses to obtain free training for their employees. However, you need to move quickly, as the training is on a first-apply, first-receive basis.



The business training grant was awarded by the Community College Chancellor's Office. Employers throughout Ventura County are eligible to apply, though the emphasis will be to train employees of businesses going through a rough stretch. This could include training on a new product or technology, or for a specific manufacturing process.

For instance, a civilian contractor working at Naval Base Ventura County (or another government agency) may need its employees to receive cyber-security training, which would be funded through the VCCCD grant.

With respect to training on new software, a particular company like *Microsoft* or *Oracle* could provide the instructor, with the cost picked up by the VCCCD. All that employers are asked to do is provide a 50% in-kind match (for instance - release time for employees to attend training) for these valuable training services.

To make an appointment to discuss possible training opportunities for your business, please contact Sharon Dwyer (VCCCD) at 648-8976, or sdwyer@vcccd.edu.

Springville Interchange Update

Work is progressing on the Springville Interchange, along the 101 Freeway, midway between Las Posas Road and Central Avenue. The project is expected to be completed in spring 2012.

The areas near the interchange on the south side of the freeway (in the vicinity photo) will eventually house retail and high-tech manufacturing uses. This will include *Paseo Camino Real*, an almost 500,000 sq. ft. retail center. Completion of the interchange will also allow for development of the Springville project area (residential/commercial) north of the freeway.

The Springville Interchange project is on schedule and within budget. The construction cost is \$20 million, with the total cost, including design, purchase of the land, utilities, and labor being \$43 million. For more information, please contact Kevin Connors at 383-5669.

