



### SlingShot Additional Funding Proposal Cover Sheet

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<b>Date Received:</b>	
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## **SLINGSHOT - TECHNOLOGY PREPAREDNESS FORUM**

There is no question that technology has, and will continue to have, a tremendous impact on the nature and characteristics of the workforce. New technologies result in the creation of new occupations and drives change in the more traditional occupations. Sometimes technology changes require increased worker skill levels while other technology refinements and developments actually require decreased worker skill levels (e.g., smartphones or other advanced technology that is simple to use). What is evident is that workforce practitioners and educators need to be better informed on, and prepared for, the impacts that technology improvements have on the workforce.

To accomplish this, the Capital Region's Workforce Boards – Sacramento Employment and Training Agency, Golden Sierra Job Training Agency, North Central Counties Consortium, and Yolo County – are proposing to provide a series of "Technology Preparedness Forums" that engages private industry and provides guidance to workforce development practitioners and partners on the impact of new technology on the workforce. The forums will target businesses from across the Capital Region's critical industry clusters: Advanced Manufacturing, Health Services, Life Sciences, Information and Communications Technology, Construction, Clean Economy, Food and Agriculture, and Knowledge and Education Creation, and be convened in both urban and rural areas within the region. The forum will provide the opportunity for business to share practical workplace changes that have been influenced by new technologies and help target future investments in skills development by workforce development, education and other partners.

The partners will convene a series of four (4) Forums conducted evenly throughout the four (4) workforce development areas so that industry clusters and businesses throughout the region have an equal opportunity to participate and provide input. The Capital Region's workforce boards are already conducting a comprehensive inventory and mapping of all the business advisory groups throughout the region, and the forums

will also be used as an opportunity to better connect advisory groups across the region, recruit new industry champions and connect them to existing advisory groups. In addition, the partners will leverage the relationships developed under the current Slingshot initiative and other sector and partner initiatives like the community college system's "Strong Workforce Initiative", the regional "Next Economy Prosperity Plan" and the "Align Capital Region" effort.

The partners will complete an analysis of the four (4) Forums and prepare a report with findings that will be shared with business advisory groups and partners throughout the Capital Region. The intent is to encourage advisory groups and partners to continue to seek input from the private sector and focus on the impact of technology on the workforce. This will help workforce practitioners and educators be proactive, rather than reactive, in addressing technology driven changes in the workforce.

## **BUDGET OUTLINE**

The partners project the following costs will be incurred in delivering the project:

Forum convenings x 4 @ \$10,000 each (includes facilitation, supplies and related costs)	\$40,000
Analysis of results and report preparation @ \$10,000	10,000
Overall project coordination; liaison with advisory groups/partners	10,000
Administrative costs	<u>6,000</u>
Total Costs	<u>\$66,000</u>