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CALIFORNIA TO RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDS TO TRAIN WORKERS FOR NANOTECHNOLOGY JOBS

Sacramento, California. Lloyd L. Tran, President of the Sacramento-based International Association of Nanotechnology (IANANO) announced today that the Association has been selected to receive a \$1.5 million Advanced Manufacturing Industry Grant from the US Department of Labor under the President's High Growth Job Training Initiative. The grant will fund training to equip California workers for employment in the emerging Nanotechnology industry. IANANO is an international nonprofit group whose mission is to advance development of nanotechnology industries for the benefit of society.

"As the leading state in the nation for the emerging nanotechnology industry, California is poised to develop a workforce training model to take advantage of the new industrial revolution enabled by nanotechnology to provide high wage, high growth employment for our workers, and to foster economic development." Said Tran.

With the help of the California State Labor & Workforce Development Agency (LWDA), and its Secretary Victoria Bradshaw, California's Nanotechnology industry will continue to make inroads, adding high skilled, well-paying jobs to the State economy. LWDA continues to provide opportunities for workforce development, grants and training money to help high growth industries remain competitive in this global economy.

"Over the past five years, California lost more than 318,000 high paid manufacturing jobs. This grant award will provide a needed mechanism for us and our partners to build a highly skilled workforce required to retain advanced manufacturing jobs in California," Tran noted.

The grant proposal, submitted by the International Association, represents a consortium partnership that includes Global Crown Capital, Combimetrix, Inc., Nanogram, Inc., Quantum Sphere, Inc., Antibodies, Inc., SDC Materials, Inc., NanoScience Exchange, California Manufacturing Technology Consulting, National Hispanic University, Berkeley City College, State of California Workforce Employment Training Panel, Alameda Workforce Investment Board (WIB), Oakland WIB, NOVA WIB, San Jose WIB, NASA Nanotechnology Center, Molecular Foundry at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, California Community College Economic and Workforce Development program, and the Institute for Community Inclusion-University of Massachusetts-Boston.

In commenting on the President's High Growth Job Training Initiative, the United States Department of Labor notes, "This initiative represents the first step in a series of actions that the Department of Labor's Employment Training Administration has taken to engage business, education and the workforce investment system to work together to develop solutions to workforce challenges facing high growth industries."

The \$1.5 million award to the International Association of Nanotechnology is one of two such awards designated to California from a total of \$16.8 million in grants to 11 organizations across the country, amongst 186 applicants competing for the grants.