



***Offering Sonoma County employers a once in lifetime opportunity!***

## **The Sonoma County Human Services Department & The Employment Group is behind our local businesses 100%!**

### ***Program Description***

As part of the Federal Stimulus Program, local for-profit, non-profit and public non-profit employers can grow their business by participating in the Subsidized Employment Program (SEP). Under this program, the employer will be reimbursed for all or part of the wage cost for any SEP job seeker that is employed.

### ***Costs to the Employer***

Employers are required only to pay for payroll taxes, any fringe benefits that employees typically receive, and to provide supervision of the new employees. Employers are reimbursed for the wage costs of each new SEP employee hired. The Sonoma County Human Services Department supports the Subsidized Employment Program.

### ***Program Dates***

The wage subsidy is available from the date of hire until September 2010. Employers who retain SEP participants as a regular employee after the wage subsidy ends may be able to qualify for the Work Opportunity Tax Credit.

### ***How it Works***

Employers place their job order with SEP staff, who will pre-screen eligible job seekers to match your business need. You get the new employee your business needs, and a Sonoma County resident starts to work again – it's a win-win!

### ***Interested Employers Should Call:***

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