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## Revolutionizing Biotech: SETA and Regional Partners Launch Capital Region Talent Partnership

**Sacramento, CA –** The Sacramento Employment and Training Agency (SETA) is excited to announce its participation in the Capital Region Biotech Talent Partnership, an innovative initiative funded by the <u>We Prosper Together</u> Initiative. This partnership aims to build pathways to biotech careers through strategic training, equity, and industry alignment, as part of a broader \$9 million investment in transformative projects across the Capital Region to ensure local participation and prioritize economic equity.

"We are incredibly excited to be part of this collective initiative," said Anita Maldonado, Executive Director of SETA. "Our collaboration with We Prosper Together and other key stakeholders will enable us to provide valuable training and career opportunities in the biotech sector, fostering economic resilience and growth in our community."

The Capital Region Biotech Talent Partnership will focus on equipping individuals with the skills needed to thrive in the biotech industry, ensuring equitable access to career opportunities, and fostering innovation. By working closely with local educational institutions, industry leaders, and community organizations, this initiative aims to create a robust talent pipeline that meets the growing demands of the biotech sector.

## **Key strategies include:**

- **Employer Partnerships:** Collaborating with pilot employers like Orca Bio and Jackson Labs.
- Demand-Driven Designing and Piloting: Aligning training programs with employer needs.
- Real-Time Workforce Forecasting Tools: Launching tools to address talent shortages.
- **Talent Financing Models:** Piloting innovative financing models for talent development.
- Work-Based Learning Programs: Designing programs to ensure equitable pathway development.

• **Strategic Partners:** Including Biocom California Institute, California Department of Rehabilitation, and Thermo Fisher.

The initiative will culminate in the 2026 Sacramento Region Biotech Symposium, showcasing regional collaboration and attracting future investments. By removing barriers and fostering inclusive workforce development, this effort positions Sacramento as a leading biotech hub.

For more information about SETA's role in the Capital Region Biotech Talent Partnership, please contact Tarianna Perez, Public Information Officer at <u>Tarianna.perez@seta.net</u>.

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## About SETA

SETA is dedicated to transforming lives by supporting programs and partners that empower people to thrive. We strive for a Sacramento County where communities facing barriers can achieve their fullest potential in school, work, and life.