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**Cal Poly Continuing Education Awarded \$50,000 Grant
To Create the Central Valley Technology Initiative**

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA -- Cal Poly Continuing Education has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the California State University Commission on the Extended University for a technology initiative that would expand computer and technology training programs in the Central Valley.

The Central Valley Technology Initiative (CVTI) is being developed as a partnership among Cal Poly, the International Agri-Center, Tulare County Economic Development Corp. and other community groups in the Central Valley.

“The purpose of the CVTI is to develop and implement computer and technology training programs for the agricultural business and corporate sector in the Central Valley, identify specific areas where computer and technology training is needed, and develop and implement training programs for the general public,” said Dennis “Skip” Parks, dean of Continuing Education. The grant will partly fund CVTI’s first year of operations.

“Rapid economic development in Tulare County will depend on the agriculture industry’s ability to implement computers and technology in their operations,” Parks said. “Cal Poly is helping create the CVTI to properly train the local work force in various technology applications, allowing the Central Valley to expand economic and business development.”

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