Free seven-month "code academy" expands

- *To help Central Valley residents access lucrative tech careers*
- *Modesto program to help train 1,000 new programmers in next five years*

As many as1,000 Central Valley residents could be trained to be software programmers in an expanding program offered in Modesto. Programmers are in sharp demand and often command high salaries.

Bay Valley Tech is teaming with the Stanislaus County Office of Education to offer free training – valued at as much as $15,000 – for local residents.

Students in the "code academy" learn new programming skills through flexible online courses, peer-based tutoring and weekly in-person classes where they have opportunities to network with local software professionals and hiring managers. Bay Valley Tech says it has also partnered with local companies to provide software

professionals as code academy mentors and paid internships for top program graduates.

"The local tech community plays an invaluable role inspiring, supporting, mentoring and lifting each other up toward better-paying careers," says Phillip Lan, president of Bay Valley Tech.

"Our collaboration with Bay Valley Tech will provide Stanislaus County residents with an accelerated, cost-effective training program, giving graduates of the program access to high-tech careers that are in demand," adds Stanislaus County Superintendent of Schools Scott Kuykendall.

Interested students and corporate sponsors should fill out the Bay Valley Tech contact form at www.bayvalleytech.com/contact to receive more information.

Bay Valley Tech also offers classes in Stockton, with more planned in Turlock, Tracy and Livermore.