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South Bay Workforce Investment Board Awarded over \$2.2 Million to help dislocated Aerospace Workers

The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) has been awarded additional funding of \$2,216,500 to assist at least 403 aerospace workers who have been or who are scheduled to be laid-off from local firms and agencies.

The funding will allow the SBWIB to provide services and training to dislocated workers in aerospace and aviation to upgrade their skills to transition to a variety of high wage, high demand occupations in industries such as Health Care, Biotechnology, and Business and Professional Services.

“It is unfortunate for the South Bay to be impacted by these sorts of economic dislocations. But we are very proud to be able to serve our community to mitigate these impacts by providing training and services to help move these people into high-growth industries and occupations”, said Jan Vogel, Executive Director of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board.

The high demand occupations include Biomedical, Computer, and Software engineers, Biomedical equipment and Electronics technicians, and other biomedical, computer, business, and accounting positions.

“The South Bay is constantly changing. We are pleased to help ease the transition to a more diverse economic base here in the South Bay by having the South Bay Workforce Investment Board be part of the city of Hawthorne. The SBWIB was awarded these funds in large part due to their proven track record of assisting workers here in the South Bay. The professionalism and effectiveness of the SBWIB is an asset to our local economy,” added Hawthorne Mayor Larry Guidi.

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