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## **“COMPUBUS - MOBILE COMPUTER TRAINING LAB COMES TO THE SOUTH BAY”**

The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) partnered with Joe Terry, a South Bay WIB Board Member and All-City Computers, to bring a Mobile Computer Training Lab to the South Bay area. The CompuBus, named “Larry’s Learning Lab” after Mayor of Hawthorne Larry Guidi, consists of nine state of the art computers loaded with the latest software, internet access and ability to print documents. “I am pleased, as always, with SBWIB’s involvement in this project and the effort to bring it to the community,” stated Mayor Larry Guidi.

The mobile training lab was available for viewing and questions at the “Let’s Talk Business” seminar, held March 31, 2005 from 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at the South Bay Workforce Investment Board, 11539 Hawthorne Blvd., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hawthorne, CA 90250. Those attending the seminar experienced first hand the new mobile technology. The mobile lab will make its second appearance at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Children’s Safety Awareness Day held at the Hawthorne Home Depot Store at 146-3 Oceangate Avenue on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Those in attendance will be able to tour the bus, and participate in a demonstration of Labor Market Research and website design software. Jan Vogel, Executive Director of the South Bay WIB stated, “This is just one way we have brought public, private and non-profit organizations together to work for the good of the community.”

After these upcoming events the Learning Lab will travel throughout the community to neighborhoods that do not have home computers, or access to computers. Students and families will be able to learn, from a trained instructor, basic computer skills as well as use more advanced software. It will also be a future component in the very successful “Fit for Gold” program, where high school students will be teaching elementary and middle school children computer skills. For more information on the Mobile Computer Training Lab or events where it will be showcased, contact Catherine Blaylock at 310-970-7700.