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## SOUTH BAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD TO RECEIVE \$4,332,200 IN STIMULUS FUNDING TO SERVE OVER 1,000 RESIDENTS

As a result of the recently enacted American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) also known as the federal economic stimulus package, the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) will receive \$4,332,200 to provide assistance to more than 1,000 residents in the South Bay area. The Recovery Act, signed by President Obama on February 17, 2009 is intended to stimulate the national economy through the preservation and creation of jobs for those impacted by the recession. The entire economic stimulus package commits \$787 billion nationwide, with over \$26 billion allocated to the state of California.

Although the ARRA allows state and local areas to expend funds through June 2011, the South Bay Workforce Investment Board will spend the majority of their stimulus funds by the end of 2010 in order to stimulate the local economy. According to the Mayor of Hawthorne, Larry Guidi, "It is important to have our communities benefit from the impact of this funding as quickly as possible."

The SBWIB will provide employment and training services to adults and dislocated workers, especially in the high tech and green jobs industry to help increase wages. Employment and training services will include the following: 1) Systematic identification of green job training and education programs; 2) Customized training and other special projects that focus on skill development for work in energy efficiency, renewable energy, alternative fuels, advanced transportation, sustainable manufacturing, recycling, waste management, or water conservation.

Stimulus funding will also target services for approximately 770 youth, 14-24 years of age. These funds will provide summer jobs and occupational training in order to place youth on a career pathway. Increasing the capacity of youth involvement, the ARRA has adjusted the age range from 14 – 21 years of age to include youth up to 24 years of age. Youth will be placed in summer jobs at public, private and non-profit agency worksites. They will complete 160 hours of paid work experience earning more than \$1,000 this summer. Occupational training programs will include Solar Panel Installers, LAX Grounds Crew, Media and Theater Arts Production. Enrollment is currently underway in all of the nine South Bay cities which include Hawthorne, Inglewood, Gardena, Carson, El Segundo, Lawndale, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach.

For more information regarding stimulus funded adult and dislocated programs in your city please contact the South Bay Workforce Investment Board at (310) 970-7700. For additional information on youth programs contact our Youth Services Program at (310) 970-7765.