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**“South Bay Workforce Investment Board Exceeds Department of Labor
Performance Measures for Program Year”**

Once again the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB), which provides employment and training services to Inglewood, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Gardena, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach, has not only met but has exceeded the Department of Labor’s 15 performance measures for the program year July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004. Of the 50 Workforce Investment Areas in the state, only seven achieved over 100% on all 15 performance measures. The Department of Labor measures the performance in areas such as Entered Employment Rate, Retention Rate, Earnings Change/Earnings Replacement in Six Months, Credential/Diploma Rate, and Skills Attainment. Each of the categories is broken down into Adults, Dislocated Workers, Older Youth and Younger Youth. One of the highest areas of achievement for the SBWIB was Earnings Change/Earnings Replacement in Six Months, in which the SBWIB had a success rate of 181.07%. Another area that far exceeded the measure was Credential/Diploma Rate of Older Youth. The success rate for this measure was 232.57%. Needless to say the South Bay Workforce Investment Board is very proud of the hard work required to not only meet, but exceed, the requirements of the Department of Labor. “These are the type of results that we have always had and will always strive to achieve,” stated Jan Vogel, Executive Director of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board. Mayor Larry Guidi, the Chief Elected Official representing the eight cities, stated that he is very proud of the achievements of the program and thrilled it ranks in the top echelon of the state. The SBWIB is known for being pioneers in the development of innovative programs that are successful, so this comes as no surprise. Nevertheless, it is a great achievement.

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