

For Immediate Release  
August 19, 2004

Contact: Catherine Blaylock  
310-970-7700 or [cblaylock@sbwib.org](mailto:cblaylock@sbwib.org)

## “South Bay Business Resource Network Ribbon Cutting Ceremony”

The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (South Bay WIB) officially launched the South Bay Resource Network (*the Network*) during a kickoff breakfast and ribbon cutting ceremony held August 19<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful Ayres Hotel in Hawthorne. *The Network* is an economic development support program created by the South Bay WIB in cooperation with a broad coalition of public and private organizations. Partners such as ADP, Inc, California Dept. Of Rehabilitation - Los Angeles and South Bay District, California Employment Development Department - South Bay Job Services, CSU Dominguez Hills - Extended Education, Centinela Adult School, County of L.A. Dept of Public Social Services GAIN Region I, El Camino College Center for International Trade Development, L.A. Southwest College, Manpower, Inc., Milt Wright and Associates, Inc., South Bay Business & Career Centers- located in Gardena, Inglewood and Beach Cities, South Bay Economic Development Partnership, South Bay Workforce Consortium, Inc., Southern California Indian Center, Inc., Southern California Regional Occupational Center, Southwest L.A. County Small Business Development Center, and U.S. Veterans Initiative, Inc. helped in the creation of *the Network* and will play an intricate role in supporting its efforts. Some of the services available to businesses are staffing assistance, business and entrepreneurial development, labor exchange, disability services, human resource solutions and corporate services. Jan Vogel, Executive Director of the South Bay WIB welcomed everyone and acknowledged elected officials in attendance. During opening remarks Larry Guidi, Mayor of Hawthorne spoke of the businesses coming to Hawthorne and encouraged everyone to utilize the services available through the South Bay WIB. Maxine Waters, Congresswoman for the 35<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, offered congratulations to the South Bay WIB for being “pioneers” and on the “cutting edge” in their efforts to better serve the business community. She also assisted Jan Vogel in the ribbon cutting. Other local elected officials in attendance were Hawthorne councilmember Pablo Catano (also representing Senator Edward Vincent), City of Inglewood Mayor Roosevelt Dorn, Redondo Beach councilmember Don Szerlip, and Clarence Griffin representing Assemblyman Jerome Horton, all came to show their support of *the Network*. Following the breakfast and ribbon cutting were the first in a series of ongoing business seminars for area businesses. ADP, Inc., and Milt Wright and Associates discussed California’s new Paid Family Leave Act (FMLA) and Job Credits. Businesses can learn more about *the Network* by calling 310-970-7799 or by accessing the website at [www.southbayresource.net](http://www.southbayresource.net).

###