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**South Bay Workforce Investment Board Receives
\$2 Million Grant from California Department of Industrial Relations
To Train Candidates as Apprentices for High Demand Jobs**

INGLEWOOD – The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) has received a \$2 million Grant from the California Department of Industrial Relations to implement the SBWIB’s Expanding Flexible Apprenticeship in California (EFAC) program that will help train individuals to fill high demand positions in a variety of work sectors throughout the state.

The EFAC program will focus on enrolling 417 participants into non-traditional registered apprenticeship occupations in sectors that include Advanced Manufacturing, Healthcare, Information Technology, Arts, Media and Entertainment and Energy/Climate. Based on labor market information and ongoing employer conversations, these sectors are in need within the local region and throughout California.

“Our novel approach to addressing the demand for skilled professionals over the past several years has been to use our “Flex” model for apprenticeship training, which has attracted an increasing number of industry and employer partners,” noted SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel. “EFAC enables us to continue building a productive and strong relationship between employers, the workforce system and both K-12 and higher education,” he concluded.

The SBWIB’s overall project goal for developing and expanding registered apprenticeships will be to not only employ hundreds of apprentices, but to also grow the SBWIB’s existing non-traditional apprenticeship program and to help its partners create or expand their programs. The SBWIB will provide training, supportive services and tracking necessary to ensure successful completion of apprenticeship training.

The SBWIB’s successful apprenticeship program that originally focused on the aerospace and bioscience sectors have expanded to many industries, creating flexible training models to meet the needs of employers with options to customize the training for their specific work environment.

The SBWIB provides no-cost business services, job search and employment preparation support to job seekers at its four One-Stop Business and Career Centers serving 11 South Bay communities that include the city of Inglewood, Hawthorne, Gardena, Carson, El Segundo, Lawndale, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance and Lomita. The SBWIB also operates two teen centers in Hawthorne and Inglewood. For more information please call (310) 970-7700 or visit www.sbwib.org.

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Photo caption: The SBWIB has received a \$2 million Grant from the California Department of Industrial Relations to implement the SBWIB's Expanding Flexible Apprenticeship in California program that will help train individuals to fill high demand positions in a variety of work sectors throughout the state. Pictured are Edwin Gamez, Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship and West LA College graduate and Apprenticeship participant with Matt Liknaitzky, The Airplane Factory Co-CEO Torrance, CA, congratulating Edwin on his accomplishment.