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**The South Bay Workforce Board hosts Military Veteran To Civilian Career Pathway Program Education, Job and Resource Fair**

**HAWTHORNE** – The South Bay Workforce Board (SBWIB) hosts Military Veteran To Civilian Career Pathway Program Education, Job and Resource Fair, Thursday, September 15, 2016, at the Hawthorne Memorial Center.

The SBWIB, through its One-Stop Business & Career Centers, created the Military Veterans to Civilian Career Pathways Program to assist military personnel with their employment search during the transition to civilian life. The education, job, and resource fair was attended by companies, education and training providers in high-growth, high-wage, sector career areas, particularly in construction, utilities, healthcare and technology in the South Bay.

Partners included Employment Development Department, California Department of Rehabilitation, El Camino College, South Bay Adult School, Southern California Regional Occupational Center, Southwest College, and Coastline Community College.

Special guest and Keynote Speaker Lt. Colonel Derwin Brown, Office of the Chief of Staff of the Army, Soldier for Life Director (West Region) offered words of encouragement and inspiration to the military personnel in attendance.

Veterans who were recently separated from the military were offered vouchers of up to \$5,500 redeemable toward education at a school of their choice that was present at the fair.

SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel stated, “This event was designed to connect veterans to employment and training opportunities realizing that there are some veterans that need additional assistance. Veteran service groups were present representing housing, employment and mental health resources.”

The SBWIB provides human resource services at no cost to local business and job seekers and manages many labor programs to keep people employed in the Los Angeles South Bay area. The Board is comprised of 56 members representing business, labor, education, government, economic development, One-Stop partners and other local workforce system stakeholders. It serves 11 cities located in southwest Los Angeles County, including Hawthorne, Inglewood, Gardena, Carson, Lawndale, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Lomita and Torrance.



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