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**South Bay Workforce Investment Board Receives Veterans Grant**

**HAWTHORNE** – The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) was awarded nearly \$500,000 to assist unemployed and underemployed veterans find rewarding civilian jobs through employment assistance programs. Funding was awarded through the Veterans’ Employment-Related Assistance Program (VEAP) offered by the State of California Employment Development Department (EDD) under the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA).

“The grant will be utilized for vocational programming for at least 100 veterans, mostly in the fields of advanced manufacturing and construction,” said Executive Director, Jan Vogel. For veteran job seekers that may not fit within the manufacturing and construction sector, the SBWIB will assist them to find jobs in other industries.

Training will include pre-employment and job-readiness workshops, on-the-job training, paid work experience and industry recognized, certified vocational training leading to credentials, certificates and direct job placement. Outreach and recruitment will be supported by existing, proven partnerships with local area employers, military installations and community partners. Training will be provided by local training agencies, community colleges, and employers.

The SBWIB previously served 115 veterans with a prior grant from the state and has been certified by the Department of Labor for its aerospace engineering apprenticeship program. This new South Bay VEAP program fits perfectly to open the doors and serve as many veterans to succeed in the fields of advanced manufacturing and construction.

The SBWIB operates four One Stop Business & Career Centers within the South Bay service area plus two Teen Centers in Inglewood and Hawthorne. All employment services provided are offered at no cost to the public. For further information, call 310-970-7700 or go to SBWIB.org.

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