Breeze Airways Brings a New Way to Travel to the South Bay

LAX welcomes Breeze Airways to its fleet of airlines offering coast-to-coast service in time for the anticipated busy summer travel season. Beginning in June and July, Breeze Airways will expand service for LAX passengers with direct flights on three brand-new routes from LAX to Providence, R.I., Norfolk, Va., and Savannah, Ga. Breeze will begin operations out of the Tom Bradley International Terminal to pilot a new technologically-driven check-in process without the use of a ticket counter. Unloaded passengers will check-in through the airline’s app while a mobile team with Breeze Airways will assist them with luggage drop-off. Photo courtesy LAX.

SBWIB Highlights New Programs

Apprenticeship Initiative
Grant will Train Under served Populations for Critical Health Care Occupations

An innovative Healthcare apprenticeship program will be created to provide opportunities to underserved individuals with employment barriers to gain training and fill urgently needed positions including dental and nursing assistant occupations in the greater South Bay area over the next two years. Thanks to the awarding of a California Apprenticeship Initiative grant of $500,000 to West Los Angeles College, a partnership will be formed that will include the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) and El Camino College.

The Health-Flex program, modeled after the highly successful Amex-Flex apprentice program for aerospace manufacturing, will connect future workers to employers sooner than after college graduation. Built on commonly accepted core skills defined by healthcare employers, Health-Flex will allow employers to tailor the curriculum and on-the-job experiences of each apprentice to prepare them for their chosen occupation.

West Los Angeles College (WLAC) and El Camino College (ECC) are the primary health training partners. WLAC has a dental assistant and certified nursing assistant program with partners willing to host apprentices and provide them paid apprenticeships. ECC has a nursing program as well as respiratory care and radiologic technician programs, providing Health-Flex with tremendous capability to meet the needs of employers.

The SBWIB’s involvement includes operating an online portal so Los Angeles County community college students can apply for paid apprenticeships while completing their certificate or degree. The SBWIB will also recruit and outreach to participants and employers utilizing its network of career service providers, America’s Job Centers, co-located partners, agency partners and other community-based partners to perform outreach and recruitment.

Irvine Foundation Awards
$250,000 Grant to Train Low-Income Women, Women of Color and Under served Populations

The Irvine Foundation has awarded a $250,000 grant to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) to help fund a new program to identify and train 50 low-income women, women of color and other individuals with barriers to employment that prevent them from gaining access to entry-level positions in advanced manufacturing sectors of the aerospace and bioscience industries. The SBWIB will partner with community-based organizations to create new training models (including pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship, and customized training) that reflect current advanced manufacturing industry occupational demand (e.g., in IT, cyber, big data, AI/VR, additive manufacturing), while also expanding existing aerospace and bioscience apprenticeship programs.

The program will strive to enable participants to increase their qualifications for advanced manufacturing careers, with the intent to pursue post-secondary education, obtain employment and/or obtain access to entrepreneurial opportunities in advanced manufacturing.

Partners with El Camino College and West Los Angeles College to Prepare Job Seekers for Careers in Information Technology

A new nontraditional apprenticeship earn and learn program called, IT-Flex is being developed in Information Technology and Repeat Visitors to The Aloha State

The Hawaiian Islands are welcoming visitors back just in time for the spring and summer travel seasons. Now that Omicron cases are on the decline worldwide and fears of the variant are easing up, the State of Hawaii is inviting travelers from the mainland United States, as well as international travelers, to return to the Hawaiian Islands. The Hawaii Safe Travel program requires travelers to enter the state via a mobile app called, IT-Flex is being developed in Information Technology and Repeat Visitors to The Aloha State

5-day quarantine mandate, must be fully vaccinated at least 14 days prior to arrival or have had a Negative COVID vaccination test within 72 hours prior to arrival.

Before your departure for Hawaii, if you are an adult (age 18 years or older), you will need to create an online user account and register with the State of Hawaii Safe Travel program. This applies only for domestic passengers from the U.S. and its territories.

Once you create your Safe Travels Hawaii account, you will then need to enter your traveler information and trip details on the program’s application form. It is important to get the correct test

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formed through a partnership with El Camino College, the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) and West LA College. The new program will generate a talent pipeline that supports the Information Technology (IT) sector. Thanks to the awarding of a California Apprenticeship Initiative Grant of $500,000 to El Camino College, the initial focus of IT-Flex will be to prepare candidates for apprenticeship positions in programming, coding, software development and information security analytics.

The IT-Flex partnership will reach out to socio-economic populations disproportionately left out of the IT field and to employers wanting to diversify their workforce under a structured plan that helps meet their talent needs.

Based on the successful apprenticeship programs the SBWIB has pioneered for the aerospace and bioscience industries, Aero-Flex and Bio-Flex, IT-Flex will create an additional training model that is flexible and able to meet the needs of employers and provide opportunities for job seekers throughout the region.

In addition to providing a resume portal for those interested in an apprenticeship opportunity, the SBWIB will handle employer engagement and manage a recruitment effort over the course of the project with a goal of enrolling 80 participants into an IT-Flex apprenticeship, utilizing classroom-based training, employer led on-the-job training, online learning and academic and career coaching.

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