



Dear partner,

Welcome to the latest edition of "South Bay Workforce Newsletter," the electronic newsletter of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB).

This information-packed eNewsletter will bring you up to date on happenings within our organization including upcoming events, encouraging stories of success, and achievements throughout the South Bay Area.

We encourage you to visit any one of our social media outlets or websites (see below) for additional information and resources.

Sincerely,

Jan Vogel

US Department of Labor Awards \$1.1 Million YouthBuild Grant to SBWIB Led Coalition to Support Academic and Occupational Skills Training for At-Risk Youth

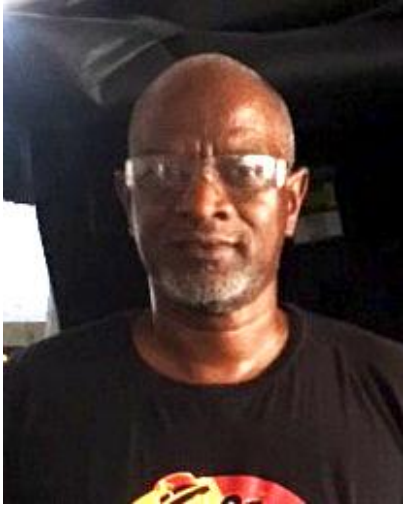
The U.S. Department of Labor announced the award of \$1.1 million in YouthBuild grant funds to the SBWIB and its partners, Century Center for Economic Opportunity (CCEO) YouthBuild, and Habitat For Humanity of Greater Los Angeles. The funds will support academic and occupational skills training for at-risk youth and will directly benefit South Bay area youth in Inglewood, Hawthorne, Lawndale, El Segundo, Gardena, Carson, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance and Lomita.



The SBWIB and CCEO's YouthBuild program aligns with former President Obama's My Brother's Keeper initiative and job-driven training agenda by promoting a "stepping stone" approach to a seamless progression from education to work-based learning.

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SUCCESS STORIES



Jerome King

Jerome King is a 17-year Army Veteran. At age 55, having struggled with long periods of unemployment and homelessness, Jerome was in need of employment services that would lead to long-term career opportunities and a living wage.

Jerome visited the South Bay One-Stop Business & Career Center - Inglewood in July 2017. Within weeks of enrollment in the Adult Program, in partnership with American Aerospace Technical Academy (AATA), he trained under a Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeship program with Torrance-based partner Hadd-Co Inspection Lab as a Liquid Penetrant Inspector Trainee. Jerome is receiving hands-on training from an experienced mentor combined with technical instruction in the area of Non Destructive Testing. Jerome will continue to receive pay increases as he meets skill attainment benchmarks.

The company president praises Jerome as an exemplary employee, meeting required testing standards for his expected pay increases. According to Jerome, the services he received from the Inglewood One-Stop and AATA helped him overcome many of the challenges and barriers he has struggled with.

"I am grateful for the support I have received, which motivated me to advance through my apprenticeship program to a successful long-term career as an NDT Technician."

Louis Ortega, was living in a transitional housing program through the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) due to his incarceration from age 16-28, he was referred to the South Bay Business and Career Center - Inglewood by his Parole Officer to participate in Career Pathways 180 Job Preparation Academy.

Career Pathways 180 Program flyer

The CDCR along with the South Bay Business and Career Center Reentry Employment Program hosted a week long Job Preparation Academy, which consisted of employment preparation workshops, guest speakers, job search, and career pathway strategies. Having been released six months prior and never having worked outside of prison, Mr. Ortega completed the Academy with

newly acquired skills, a career pathway plan, a resume and a new suit. Mr. Ortega obtained his first job at Farmer Johns and he continues to reintegrate himself into society.



"I was never alone. I did this with the help of people in my life like the staff at Inglewood One Stop and their support. Never give up is what I tell myself."

Second Group of Parolees Graduate from SBWIB's Career Pathways 180 Job Preparation Academy



Thirty-six formerly incarcerated adults were recognized on October 20th during ceremonies marking their graduation from the SBWIB's week-long Career Pathways 180 Job Preparation Academy in cooperation with the Los Angeles Central Parole District. The program helps men and women to make a successful reintegration into the community and the workforce by providing assistance and training needed to prepare for job interviews and gainful employment.

[Read press release here](#)
[Lawndale Tribune front page](#)
[Inglewood News front page](#)

22nd Annual Awards Ceremony

The SBWIB celebrated it's 22nd Annual Awards Ceremony on Thursday, October 12th at the Torrance Marriott South Bay.

The Awards Ceremony honored the SBWIB's dedicated training providers, business partners and graduates of job and career training programs, including the presentation of the Esther Williams Award of Excellence. Recognized were; veterans, dislocated workers, young adults and others who benefited from the SBWIB's career services.

[Read full article here](#)



SBWIB's 22nd Annual Awards Ceremony
Dinner

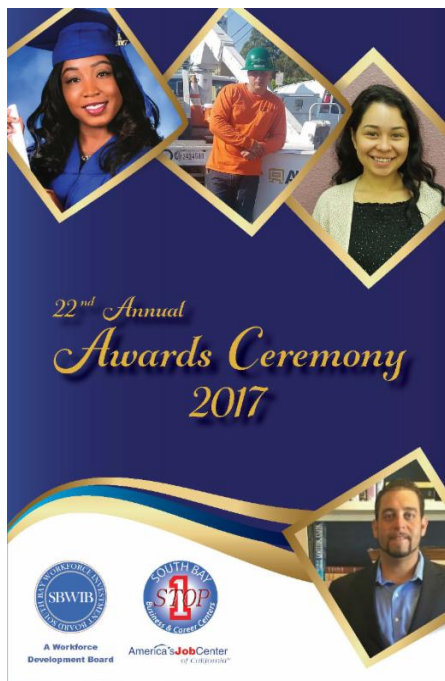


Torrance CitiCABLE Coverage



Hawthorne Community Television Coverage

View this Year's 22nd Annual Awards Ceremony Booklet Here



Annual Awards Ceremony Booklet



2017 22nd Annual Awards Sponsors

Aero-Flex Engineering Pre-Apprenticeship

The Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship Program Provides a Launch Pad to the Aerospace Industry

The team at University of Southern California (USC) Center for Economic Development (CED) has recognized the potential of the SBWIB's new Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship in Engineering program, which offers an innovative approach to meeting the workforce needs of manufacturing firms and their greatest challenge of finding and attracting a qualified workforce of engineers. The pre-apprenticeship program was developed in partnership with the West Los Angeles College and initially funded with a grant received from the Advanced Manufacturing Partnership for Southern California (AMP SoCal) initiative.

[Read USC's article here](#)

WANTED: Aerospace - Industry Companies ready to get on the Launch Pad with Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship in Engineering

Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship, an employer-centric earn and learn model in engineering is expanding from the South Bay area to all Los Angeles County. The program is looking to engage companies of all sizes in a discussion of current employer and anticipated workforce needs as they relate to engineering. In addition, multiple no cost resources may be available to assist with training and development challenges, whether in the engineering arena or in other positions.

[Read article here](#)

Aero-Flex Engineering Pre-Apprenticeship Northrop Grumman Graduate



Verania

Verania Ceja Franco followed the Engineering pathway as a student at Hawthorne High School, now she attends California State University Northridge with the goal of becoming a civil or mechanical engineer. She had the honor of working with Northrop's James Webb Space Telescope project team during her internship. She excelled in the work readiness skill track as well as the additional industry specific course work designated by her employer.

"Thank you for having invited me to the Awards Ceremony. It was really fun and it gave me even more motivation to continue my education so that soon I could be a mechanical engineer. My sister

and I really enjoyed attending and watching all the people get awards for various reasons. Hopefully in the next four to five years I can become an engineer for military jets or cars. Events like those make me look forward to the future and try harder in my education."

[For more on Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship, click here](#)

IN THE NEWS

The SBCCOG and SBWIB Collaborate on South Bay High Speed Internet Access



Last year, the SBWIB in partnership with the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) commissioned a study of the South Bay's fiber infrastructure to support job creation, business retention and layoff aversion. This assessment, paid for by the SBWIB and prepared by Magellan Advisors, a leading consultant for broadband infrastructure planning, is now available. Results can be found at <https://www.sbwib.org/broadband>

This report examines how the South Bay region is currently served with broadband infrastructure and focused on the services available to cities, businesses and key economic development zones in the South Bay Area.

Phase II is now underway which will examine the recommendations made in the report and move toward the development of a South Bay area fiber optic backbone network.

[Read South Bay Watch article here](#)

[Read the full Fiber-Optic Master Plan here](#)

AT&T Brings "It Can Wait" Distracted Driving Awareness Program to the Inglewood Teen Center



More than 50 students from the Inglewood Teen Center experienced the potential hazards of smartphone distracted driving, thanks to AT&T's "It Can Wait" awareness program, which utilizes a virtual reality simulator. The traveling simulator visited the Teen Center, sponsored by the SBWIB, November 1st.

Inglewood City Councilman Alex Padilla met with the students as they used the simulator and urged them to pay close attention to the lesson they were learning. "As a retired police officer for 32 years, I have seen firsthand what distracted driving can do to innocent bystanders, passengers and property," he said.

[Read press release here](#)

RECAP

4th Annual *A Day in the Life of a College Student*

Fifteen eighth graders experienced this year's 4th Annual *A Day in the Life of a College Student*. Students were taken on an overnight field trip to visit California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH).

Students started their experience at the Hawthorne Teen Center as they engaged in dialogue with each other on college topics. They were asked to share with their peers their aspirations for college; where they wished to attend college, what they hope to major in, their dream job, as well as share a little about their families and future plans. They were then taken to the campus, took a tour, experienced living in the dorms and more.

This ongoing field trip program is in partnership with the Hawthorne and Inglewood Teen Centers and CSU Dominguez Hills that aims to get youth college bound from an early age. For more youth opportunities visit

SouthBayYouth.org and

SouthBay1Stop.org/hawthorne-teen-center and

SouthBay1Stop.org/inglewood-teen-center

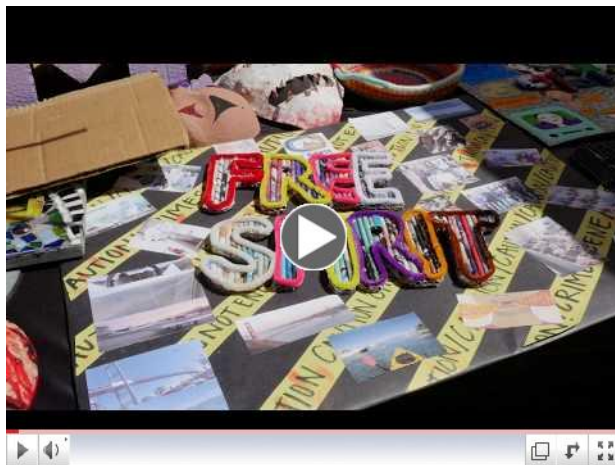


4th Annual A Day in the Life of a College Student -Hawthorne City News Coverage



4th Annual A Day in the Life of a College Student @ CSUDH 07.19.2017

3rd Annual AMETLL Consortium School Maker Faire



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More than 900 high school students, educators and family members from five South Bay regional school districts joined in this year's Annual Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Linked Learning (AMETLL) Consortium School Maker Faire.

The Consortium teamed with Centinela Valley Union High School District (CVUHSD), El Camino College and Hawthorne High School of Engineering to showcase creativity and invention for tech enthusiasts, crafters, artists, hobbyists,

engineers, and entrepreneurs.

The 2017 Maker Faire was sponsored by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB), Kinecta Federal Credit Union, CVUHSD, El Camino College and Project Lead the Way.

For more information, visit: HHSMakerFaire.weebly.com and SouthBayYouth.org

Fit for Gold Tutoring & Fitness Academy

Earlier this Spring, over forty students from eleven South Bay cities graduated from this year's Fit for Gold Tutoring & Fitness Academy (FFG). This program allows high school students to mentor younger kids in the community, learn about a career in teaching or fitness & nutrition, get connections to colleges and scholarships all while gaining workplace experience and earn paid work experience.



*Fit for Gold Graduation Ceremony Coverage -
HCTV -City News*

WHAT'S NEW

Youth Job Opportunities

On-going job openings for youth in the South Bay, ages 16 and older. Connect youth that have current school or work permits to the bi-monthly list below for job opportunities.



[Download list here](#)
[SouthBayYouth.org](#)



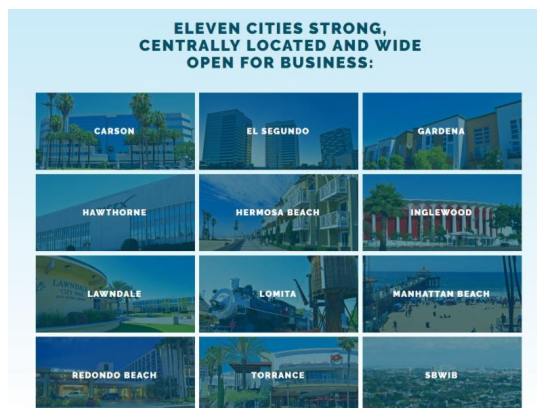
Flyers

Visit the SBWIB and South Bay One Stop Business & Career Center's flyer page to locate flyers about the programs currently available. Feel free to download and distribute as needed.

[Flyers link](#)

South Bay Business

Visit [SouthBayBusiness.org](#), a business resource provided by the SBWIB, designed as a tool for layoff aversion, business retention and business attraction efforts. It provides business and governments with critical data, recently updated with more visual demographic data, needed to evaluate trends within the region.



UPCOMING EVENTS

The following recruitments will be hiring for various positions on the spot!

Don't forget to take your resumes, photo ID's and social.

November 14: JCPenny Recruitment

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Location: 110 S. La Brea Ave. # 506
Inglewood, CA 90301

[Download flyer here](#)

November 17: Overland Solutions an EXL Company Recruitment

Insurance Premiums Auditors

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Location: 110 S. La Brea Ave.
Inglewood, CA 90301

[Download flyer here](#)

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Pinterest ([SouthBayWIB](#)), [Hawthorne Teen Center](#)

Instagram ([SouthBayWIB](#)), [Inglewood Teen Center](#), [Hawthorne Teen Center](#)

YouTube ([South Bay Workforce Investment Board](#))

For more information and resources, be sure to visit

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[iCareInglewood.com](#)

[CYS-la.org](#)

[Hawthorne Teen Center](#)

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