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**South Bay Workforce Investment Board Rapid Response
And Job Fair Aids Recently Laid Off Aerospace Workers**

HAWTHORNE – Within days of a layoff notice issued to more than 560 aerospace employees last month, the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) mobilized its Rapid Response team and immediately began providing assistance to help them find new employment and provide job search training skills at the SBWIB’s One-Stop Business and Career Center - Inglewood.

As part of the response, the SBWIB presented an Aerospace Manufacturing Hiring Event at the Hawthorne Memorial Center January 31st that attracted more than 200 recently displaced aerospace workers from a local aerospace company and other firms, who met with hiring personnel from 35 regional aerospace firms and agencies. Among the firms were Northrop Grumman, Marvin Engineering, Raytheon, Boeing, L3, JPL, Lisi Aerospace, Impresa Aerospace, Lockheed Martin and General Atomics to name a few. Many of the employers reported that they have invited candidates back for second interviews and some of them have been offered employment.

“We are extremely proud of our corporate partners here in the southland who continually step up to help us get displaced workers back into the workforce,” explained Jan Vogel, Executive Director of the SBWIB. “Our Rapid Response program has not only helped hundreds of laid off workers transition into good paying jobs, but also works with affected companies to develop business plans that can help them stay competitive,” he further noted.

Stephen Driessen of Norwalk who was one of the dislocated workers, received a job offer from Marvin Engineering in Inglewood, and reports he is undergoing his background check and is scheduled for his physical exam. “I want to thank the One-Stop team for making it possible for us to have the opportunities to meet with employers face to face rather than just applying online,” he said.

The SBWIB operates four One-Stop Business and Career Centers that provide no cost job search services for job seekers and business services for large and small companies in 11 South Bay communities. It also operates two Teen Centers in Inglewood and Hawthorne. If you or someone you know has been laid off please visit us immediately at www.sbwib.org or telephone 310-970-7700.

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SBWIB Aerospace Manufacturing Hiring Event Photo Release



Recently displaced aerospace workers met face to face with southland area aerospace firms during the January 31st Aerospace Manufacturing Hiring Event hosted by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) at the Hawthorne Memorial Center. The hiring event was part of the SBWIB's Rapid Response Program that was initiated just days after layoff announcements were issued in late January.