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**Congresswoman Maxine Waters Awards \$500,000 Grant
To South Bay Workforce Investment Board
For Program to Prepare Disadvantaged Individuals
For Careers in the Construction and Transportation Industries**

HAWTHORNE – Congresswoman Maxine Waters presented a check for \$500,000 to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) that will help fund an initiative to provide recruiting and training services for women, minorities, dislocated workers, and other individuals with barriers to employment who are interested in entering the Construction and Transportation Industries. Among the attendees at the presentation were civic leaders, including Inglewood City Councilman Eloy Morales Jr., and representatives from trade unions, construction companies, and dozens of job seekers seeking careers in construction.

“These community projects are vital to our communities and this grant will help people prepare for careers in high paying construction trades,” Congresswoman Waters stated. She continued by thanking Jan Vogel and the SBWIB team for all the wonderful work they have been doing over the years to help people find jobs.

In thanking Congresswoman Waters for the grants funds, SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel noted the continuing support she has provided the SBWIB’s efforts to develop a world-class workforce system throughout the South Bay region. “Often times she initiates discussions with us to see what we need to continue to meet our employment goals without us asking first,” he noted.

Due to the growing need for workers throughout the Los Angeles region for projects such as Intuit Arena, LAX, and the Sofi Stadium/Hollywood Park complex, the SBWIB will collaborate with employers, the building trades, community colleges and industry training providers.

“Historically, our successful collaborations have helped to bridge the gap between industry, academia, unions and workforce development agencies to effectively leverage all available resources and provide the best possible labor solutions for employers as well as job seekers,” said Mr. Vogel. He further noted that pre-apprenticeships, apprenticeships, and paid-work experience programs have been identified as proven workforce strategies to help local areas meet industry demand with well-trained, motivated workers.

This project will provide, and is not limited to, short-term vocational training, Pre-Apprenticeship and Apprenticeship, paid work experience, On-the-Job Training, and support services to ensure successful program completion and sourcing the best possible outcomes towards permanent, unsubsidized employment.