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**South Bay Workforce Investment Board Awarded Nearly \$132,000
by the California Employment Training Panel to Fund
Employee Training**

HAWTHORNE – The California Employment Training Panel (ETP) has awarded a \$131,536 grant to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) to establish a program that will help subsidize job skills training for eligible small and larger manufacturers primarily in the aerospace sector. ETP is a business and labor-supported state agency that funds the costs of job skills training. The new funding will support employee training at multiple employers in the region through the SBWIB.

The SBWIB will work in partnership with Training Funding Partners to analyze the employer’s workforce development needs and contract with the appropriate training providers to deliver services. The funds can cover training for current employees and newly hired workers.

“Training costs are a major concern for smaller manufacturers who need to stay competitive,” said SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel. “These types of innovative subsidy programs can help the employers attract and retain skilled workers who need to improve their job skills and knowledge,” he noted.

The SBWIB provides comprehensive employment and training services under the Federal Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act with the goal of providing a fully-integrated workforce system that maximizes employment and economic opportunity in partnership with business.

No cost services are provided for job seekers and employers through the SBWIB’s four One-Stop Business & Career Centers serving 11 South Bay communities. It also operates two Teen Centers in Inglewood and Hawthorne. Employers interested in participating in the SBWIB new ETP program, or to access other services available, please call (310) 970-7700 or visit www.sbwib.org.

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