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**South Bay Workforce Investment Board Awarded Nearly \$591,000 Grant
by the California Employment Training Panel to Fund Employee Training**

HAWTHORNE – The California Employment Training Panel (ETP) has awarded a \$590,780 grant to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) to continue a program that provides cost reimbursements to employers for training to upskill their workforce. The program will assist companies in the Manufacturing, IT, Logistics and healthcare sectors and will support employee training at multiple job sites throughout California through November 2023.

ETP is a business and labor-supported state agency that funds the costs of employee skills training. The SBWIB will analyze and manage the employer’s workforce training needs and connect employers with appropriate training providers to deliver services if needed. The funding can reimburse a portion of training costs for current employees and newly hired workers.

“Training costs are a major concern for small and large companies who need to stay competitive,” said SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel. “As we begin to recover during this post-pandemic period, these types of innovative subsidy programs can help struggling 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 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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