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#### **California Employment Development Department Awards South Bay Workforce Investment Board \$995,500 Grant to provide services to Laid-off Workers and Recently Separated Veterans within South Bay Region**

**HAWTHORNE** – The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) has been awarded a \$995,500 grant by the California Employment Development Department (EDD) to provide career retraining and employment services to workers within the South Bay region who were laid off in recent months.

Working in concert with its workforce network of local community colleges, employers, trade unions and other training providers, the SBWIB will provide a variety of services to displaced workers and recently separated veterans that will include job and resource fairs, on-the-job training, career transition workshops, apprenticeships, and pre-apprenticeship programs, that will prepare individuals to reenter the workforce.

“Many of these laid-off workers already have experience, but need additional training to gain new skills required by employers, allowing them to return to the workforce and compete for those jobs”, noted SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel. “Our plan is to match them with employment programs and services within the regional in-demand industries,” he concluded. Those industries include construction, utilities, manufacturing, transportation, logistics, hospitality and tourism, and healthcare.

Funding for the grant was provided through the discretionary funds made available to Governor Brown in accordance the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act administered by EDD and California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.

The SBWIB operates four One Stop Business & Career Centers within its South Bay service area plus two Teen Centers in Inglewood and Hawthorne providing no cost adult, youth and business services. For further information, telephone 310-970-7700 or visit [sbwib.org](http://sbwib.org).