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The South Bay Workforce Investment Board Receives Funding to Advance Pre-Apprenticeships in Advanced Manufacturing

HAWTHORNE – The California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office has awarded two grants totaling \$1,000,000 to West Los Angeles College and Torrance-based Southern California Regional Occupational Center (SoCal ROC). The grant awarded to West Los Angeles College will fund an employer centric Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship (AFPA) track for advanced manufacturing; and the grant to the Southern California Regional Occupational Center will fund a Pre-Apprenticeship in Non Destructive Testing in partnership with American Aerospace Technical Academy (AATA).

West Los Angeles College will provide \$137,500 from the Chancellor’s grant to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) to expand the Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship, which will provide a platform to develop a flexible pre-apprenticeship to meet the Advanced Manufacturing industry’s talent development needs and enroll 100 Aero-Flex pre-apprentices. Other partners include the Strong Workforce Apprenticeship Group (SWAG), Tooling U and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME), and Training Funding Partners. The pre-apprenticeship will link to SWAG registered apprenticeships and include a certification from the National Institute for Metalworking Skills.

In a second Chancellor’s grant provided to SoCal ROC, \$100,000 will be made available to the SBWIB to support a pre-apprenticeship in Non Destructive Testing in partnership with AATA. The SBWIB will provide case management support and teach work readiness skills to students using the industry-validated Blueprint for Workplace Success curriculum that includes training on how to get and keep a job.

The support and promotion of these pre apprenticeships responds to one of Southern California's greatest challenges for manufactures, finding and attracting a qualified workforce. SBWIB is committed to the development and utilization of pre-apprenticeship to registered apprenticeship pathways, in partnership with employers, to provide economic mobility opportunities for residents.

The SBWIB operates four One Stop Business & Careers Centers within the South Bay area providing adult, youth and business services at no cost to the public, plus two Teen Centers in Inglewood and Hawthorne. For more information please call (310) 970-7700 or visit SBWIB.org.

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