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**The South Bay Workforce Investment Board Receives \$500,000 from the State of California Employment Development Department to assist veterans with training and finding jobs**

**HAWTHORNE** – The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) has been awarded \$500,000 to assist unemployed and underemployed veterans with barriers to employment find rewarding civilian jobs. The funding was made available through a Veterans’ Employment-Related Assistance Program (VEAP) offered by the State of California Employment Development Department (EDD) under the Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA).

The SBWIB/VEAP program will focus on training and placing veterans into the construction industry, a sector projecting thousands of new job openings in the next few years, in particular surrounding the construction of the new Inglewood football stadium. For veteran job seekers that may not fit within the construction sector, the SBWIB will assist them to find jobs in other industries.

Training will be provided by local training agencies, community colleges and employers and will include pre-employment and job-readiness workshops, on-the-job training, paid work experience, and certified vocational training leading to credentials and job placement. The program will service transitioning and recently separated veterans, veterans with service connected disabilities, eligible spouses, women and minority veterans, homeless veterans, veterans recently released from incarceration, veterans lacking a high school diploma or equivalent certificate and other veterans with barriers to finding employment.

Outreach and recruitment will be supported by existing partnerships with local area employers, the Los Angeles Air Force Base, the EDD (JVSG) (DVOP) (LVER) and other community partners such as U.S. Vets.

The SBWIB previously established the Military Veterans to Civilian Career Pathways program to assist with resources needed to secure gainful employment for vets and over seventy percent of veterans enrolled in the program find employment. The new SBWIB/VEAP program will open many more doors for veterans helping them to secure meaningful employment and successful careers.

The SBWIB operates four One Stop Business & Career Centers within the South Bay service area plus two Teen Centers in Inglewood and Hawthorne. All employment services provided are offered at no cost to the public. For further information call 310-970-7700 or go to SBWIB.org.

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