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THE SOUTH BAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD HOST 14th ANNUAL BLUEPRINT FOR WORKPLACE SUCCESS YOUTH JOB FAIR

HAWTHORNE – The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB), in partnership with the City of Inglewood, the State Department of Rehabilitation, the State of California Employment Development Department, the Airport Area Chamber of Commerce and the South Bay One Stop Business and Career Centers hosted this year's 14th Annual Blueprint for Workplace Success Youth Job Fair at Rogers Park in Inglewood, CA.

Chief Executive Officer of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board, Jan Vogel stated, "For 14 years we've helped youth gain valuable work experience. It's a joy to see so many youth being placed on the path to employability by providing job training and opportunities to meet the demands of our future job market."

This year's job fair featured an impressive number of employers. Over sixty (60) were on hand to connect with more than 700 youth job seekers representing 41 schools from cities in the south bay including Inglewood, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Lawndale, Carson, Gardena, Hawthorne, El Segundo and throughout the Los Angeles area offering full and part-time job opportunities. Over one-hundred BluePrint for Workplace Success certified participants that completed job readiness training received face-to-face interviews and were offered jobs on the spot at companies including Sears, Old Navy, Wells Fargo, Best Buy, Bank of America, and Lowes just to name a few. An additional one-hundred seventy-three (173) were called back for second interviews. Considering on the spot and second interviews nearly half of the attending population are headed for meaningful employment.

In the opening ceremony City of Inglewood Mayor Jim Butts was on hand to welcome the youth to the 14th Annual BluePrint Job Fair. Mayor Butts exclaimed; "This is the second SBWIB youth job fair in the City of Inglewood and I'm excited about the turnout. We are lucky to have the South Bay WIB here to provide employment opportunities for local high school students so that they can become gainfully employed and help their families economically."

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