



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**The South Bay Workforce Investment Board and Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce host iVET Job Conference at the Toyota USA Automobile Museum**

**TORRANCE** – The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) partnered with the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce (TAAC) in hosting their Increasing Veteran Employment in Torrance (iVET) job Conference, at the Toyota USA Automobile Museum in Torrance, CA, Thursday, May 12, 2016.

The TAAC program is designed to help qualified Veterans in Torrance find a civilian career with employers who are looking to hire individuals with the skills that many Veterans already have.

Local, high-skilled veterans attended the conference, which saw the participation of nearly 30 local companies, including Kaiser Permanente, SoCal Gas, Sunrider International, Alcoa Fastening Systems & Rings, City of Torrance and AT&T. A two-day Job and Interview Preparation Academy was offered to veterans prior to the conference, which enabled them to secure one-on-one interviews with attending employers.

SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel was presented with a certificate of appreciation by Donna Duperron, President and CEO, TAAC, for the workforce board's outstanding service to the businesses and residents of Torrance. Mr. Vogel stated, "Our organization has hired over 150 vets during the past 18 months." He added, "We also just signed a memorandum of understanding with the Los Angeles Air Force Base, which we believe to be the first formal agreement between a workforce board and a military base in the nation, to continue to work with the separated veterans and their spouses until they find employment."

The SBWIB, through its One-Stop Business & Career Centers, also has a Military Veterans to Civilian Career Pathways Program in place to assist military with employment during the transition to civilian life. The program features partnerships with organizations such as Hire Heroes USA, Employment Development Department (EDD) and Chambers in four target growth industries in the South Bay Area; Construction/Utilities, Healthcare, Manufacturing/Transportation, Information Technology/Digital Media.

The SBWIB provides human resource services at no cost to local business and job seekers and manages many labor programs to keep people employed in the Los Angeles South Bay area. The Board is comprised of 56 members representing business, labor, education, government, economic development, One-Stop partners and other local workforce system stakeholders. It serves 11 cities located in southwest Los Angeles County, including Hawthorne, Inglewood, Gardena, Carson, Lawndale, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Lomita and Torrance.



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