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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

HAWTORNE – 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.

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