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South Bay Cities Fiber-Optic Master Plan

Hawthorne – The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB), in partnership with the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG), have completed a Broadband Fiber-Optic Master Plan for the South Bay region to support job creation, business retention and layoff aversion. This assessment was paid for by the SBWIB and prepared by Magellan Advisors, a leading consultant for broadband infrastructure planning.

The term broadband commonly refers to high-speed Internet access and capacity. The report examines how the South Bay region is currently served with broadband infrastructure and focused on the services available to cities, businesses and key economic development zones in the South Bay Area. An essential objective of the study was to confirm the region and South Bay businesses had access to services they needed at prices they could afford. In addition, the project examined what would be required in the future with recommendations on how to meet those needs.

One suggestion in particular was to consider the development of a regional fiber optic network called, "SMART-Net"; that would be available to all cities in the South Bay interconnecting them with high capacity, high speed internet access. Initially, this idea would be for city governments to use, but later could be expanded outward if desired by each city to support their economic growth. To fully explore this option, the SBWIB and the SBCCOG are working to launch Phase 2 of the project, which will assess the feasibility of the recommendations and consider more closely the benefits to each South Bay city.

Broadband speed and capacity is a crucial driver for job creation and economic growth and is also important for business retention and layoff aversion. Jan Vogel, SBWIB Executive Director said, "We feel this issue is central to the health of the local economy. Investing in broadband infrastructure and ensuring businesses have the tools they need to stay competitive and be successful encourages innovation, economic growth and creates jobs."

The fifteen South Bay cities the Fiber-Optic Master Plan analyzed included; Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lomita, Manhattan Beach, Palos Verdes Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, Rolling Hills, Rolling Hills Estates and Torrance.

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To read the full report and for more information on the South Bay Fiber-Optic Master Plan visit www.sbwib.org/broadband or contact Chris Cagle at (310) 970-7700, ccagle@sbwib.org.

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The South Bay Cities Fiber-Optic Master plan is available for review at www.sbwib.org/broadband

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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.

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**South Bay Workforce Investment Board is awarded a \$240,000 Accelerator Grant for
 Pre-Apprenticeship development in Engineering**

HAWTHORNE – The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) has been awarded \$240,000 by the California Workforce Development Board to continue developing its new Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship (AFPA), which creates a career pathway for engineering. The funding will be utilized to expand the pilot program; designed as an employer-driven earn and learn model that will build a workforce pipeline to help meet the needs of area aerospace employers.

The AFPA is a customizable program allowing each individual employer to design or “flex” the program’s curriculum to meet the needs of industry and of each participating manufacturer. Program participants will gain career knowledge in engineering, gain valuable work experience, connect with top employers ready to hire, gain industry association membership and more. Partnering employers will be able to flex the curriculum to their needs, build their workforce pipeline, receive funding to support training and recruitment and have access to a pool of talented job seekers ready to work. The program timeframe is 6-12 weeks and consists of work readiness training, industry specific occupational skills training and on-the-job work-based learning, provided by Aero-Flex member employers.

The AFPA provides an innovative and customizable framework that allows employers to easily invest in pre-apprentices with flexibility to respond to their priorities, labor market changes and innovations in the field. AFPA will be shared regionally throughout the Los Angeles Basin to bring together additional employers, workforce development partners, community colleges and others.

The SBWIB is expecting to enroll up to 100 Aero-flex Pre-Apprentices with this funding. Additionally, students will be provided \$500 stipends for their participation and successful completion of the program.

Current partners include El Camino College, West Los Angeles College, Tooling U-SME, Training Funding Partners and AMP So/Cal. Some of the employer partners include Northrop Grumman, L-3 Communications, Magnetika, Impresa Aerospace, Space Vector, Ten Tech; Space Vector, Verisurf and Zodiac Aerospace.

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May 25, 2017

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South Bay Workforce Investment Board congratulates first 20 Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship Engineering graduates in partnership with Northrop Grumman Corporation

REDONDO BEACH - The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) and its Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship partners welcomed the first graduates from Northrop Grumman's Spring 2017 HIP (High School Involvement Partnership) program on May 25th. Among the 23 youth enrolled in Northrop Grumman's HIP program, 20 enlisted in SBWIB's pilot "earn and learn" Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship in Engineering. Two of the first students to complete all components of the Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship program were each presented with a \$500 stipend check.

SBWIB's Executive Director Jan Vogel stated "As we celebrate all the HIP students and their accomplishments, we would like to recognize the first two Aero-Flex students who completed all of their requirements within the initial timeline." The two recipients of the \$500 stipend were Roderick Hughes and Miguel Sandoval, both seniors at the City Honors High School in Inglewood. The full Aero-Flex cohort is expected to receive their credentials of completion and stipend by mid-June.

In partnership with Northrop Grumman, the Spring 2017 HIP students, who enrolled in over 12 weeks of hands-on job training and work experience with individual HIP internship mentors also received both in-class and online work-readiness training through SBWIB's Blueprint for Workplace Success class along with Tooling U-SME's technical curriculum customized to meet Northrop Grumman's focus on Health and Safety.

HIP was established in 1971 and has partnered with community schools, serving over 7,000 students since inception. By offering to pilot the newly industry - recognized Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship, Northrop Grumman supports the need to build multiple skills and increase interest in Engineering/Advanced Manufacturing within today's youth. Currently, eight South Bay/LA companies have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to participate actively in similar internships that will be customized to their workforce development needs. As the program expands, it will include high school and post-secondary students, incumbent workers as well as veterans and other under-served or under-employed populations.

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Photo Caption

Graduating interns of Northrop Grumman's Spring 2017 HIP (High School Involvement Partnership) program and SBWIB's Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship program posed at their graduation ceremony at Northrop Grumman Corporation on May 25th.



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May 17, 2017

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**Civic Leaders Join with South Bay Workforce Investment Board to Honor
 42 Fit for Gold Tutoring & Fitness Academy Graduates from South Bay Area High Schools**

HAWTHORNE – More than 100 family members and civic leaders were on hand to celebrate graduation ceremonies for 42 South Bay area high school seniors who completed the Fit for Gold Tutoring & Fitness Academy presented May 17th by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) at Rogers Park in Inglewood.

Inglewood Mayor James T. Butts, Jr. welcomed participants to the 14th annual event and stated, “This is one of my favorite programs because it showcases the very outstanding youth coming out of our area high schools.” Other elected officials participating included: Inglewood City Council members Alex Padilla and George Dotson; Gardena’s Mayor Tasha Cerda and Councilman Mark Henderson; and Torrance Mayor Pat Furey; along with other dignitaries including Andrew DeBlock, Senior Field Representative for the 66th district Assembly member Al Muratsuchi. SBWIB Board Chairman Wayne Spencer and Board member Billy Campbell were also present.

SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel presided over the ceremony and praised the Cadets for their dedication and determination to succeed. Mr. Vogel said, “98 percent of the students who complete this rigorous course graduate from high school, and 93 percent of them continue on to college and trade schools.” Mr. Vogel also announced the winners of two \$500 scholarships, which were provided by the SBWIB and West Basin Municipal Water District. The recipients were Tony Smith from Gardena, who will be attending Alabama A & M University as an Electrical Engineering major, and Daizjanai Price from Inglewood, who has been accepted to California State University East Bay as a Psychology major.

Established in 2003, Fit For Gold is an after school program that trains high school seniors to provide homework assistance, nutritional information and physical fitness activities to elementary students in grades 3 – 8, while participating in enrichment, mentoring and college readiness activities. The Cadets also learn to develop basic workplace competencies and increase career awareness.

SBWIB partners with local school districts, training providers, after-school programs and other sponsors to present the Fit for Gold curriculum. Cadets work up to 120 hours and are paid a wage funded through the Federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

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Fit for Gold Tutoring & Fitness Academy Photo Caption



Graduating Cadets from the 2017 Fit for Gold Tutoring & Fitness Academy posed for their class picture along with dignitaries and elected officials from Inglewood, Gardena and Torrance, May 17th at Rogers Park in Inglewood.

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May 15, 2017

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Third Annual Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Linked Learning (AMETLL) Consortium School Maker Faire Attracts More Than 900 Participants from Throughout South Bay Region

HAWTHORNE – Hawthorne High was again the host for the third annual AMETLL Consortium School Maker Faire, May 13, 2017, where more than 900 high school students, educators and family members from five South Bay regional school districts joined with representatives from 47 high tech companies and technical schools to showcase advanced manufacturing techniques, robotics competitions and STEM Related Exhibits.

The Consortium teamed with the Centinela Valley Union School District (CVUHSD), El Camino College and the Hawthorne High School of Engineering to present the event which was part science faire but with a county fair atmosphere celebrating creativity, invention, and providing a venue for tech enthusiasts, crafters, artists, hobbyists, engineers, and entrepreneurs to showcase what they make. Attendees also were able to participate in interactive science and engineering activities. Complimentary food and refreshments were provided by the Hawthorne High School of Culinary Arts and other on campus organizations.

The 2017 Faire was sponsored by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB), Kinecta Federal Credit Union, CVUHSD, and El Camino College.

The Consortium was established in 2013 and is comprised of educational and industry partners including the SBWIB, committed to the principles of Linked Learning, an approach that energizes students through interdisciplinary curriculum, project-based learning and the integration of Career Technical Education with traditional academic disciplines.

“We are extremely proud of the progress and achievements our students are accomplishing thanks to the financial support we helped to provide through the Career Pathway Grant Program,” said SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel. “Our objective to establish clear career pathways beginning in elementary school and continue through advanced degrees is becoming a reality,” he continued.

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Some of the enthusiasts, crafters, artists, engineers and their work being presented for more than 900 high school students, educators and family members during the 3rd Annual Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technology Linked Learning (AMETLL) Consortium School Maker Faire on May 13th, 2017 at Hawthorne High.

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May 2, 2017

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**Twenty-Six Formerly Incarcerated Adults Graduate from South Bay Workforce
 Investment Board's Career Pathways 180 Job Preparation Academy**

HAWTHORNE – The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) in cooperation with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation-Parole Department, and Employment Development Department, presented a week long Career Pathways 180 Job Preparation Academy, April 17 – 21, for twenty six recent parolees at the South Bay One-Stop Business & Career Center in Inglewood.

The academy consisted of four days of intensive pre-employment instruction utilizing the Blueprint for Workplace Success curriculum with an emphasis on overcoming their barriers in preparing for job interviews. The final day culminated with a graduation ceremony and a mini job fair. The participants also received information on the labor market, housing and child support services and donations of suits and business attire to help prepare them for job interviews.

SBWIB Board Chairman Wayne Spencer congratulated the graduates and urged them to take advantage of the opportunity they had been given and stay focused on their personal goals to get back into the workforce.

Among the employers who were on hand to conduct interviews during the mini job fair were Cedar Sinai Medical Center, Local 300 Laborers Union, Chipotle, Jiffy Lube, Boston Markets and the Carpenters Union. At the end of the day, five of the graduates were hired on the spot; twenty-one others are either waiting on the results of their interviews or have already been scheduled for a second one.

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Career Pathways 180 Job Preparation Academy Photo Caption

Proud graduates of the SBWIB sponsored Career Pathways Job Preparation Academy posed with instructors and SBWIB Chairman of the Board Wayne Spencer (at top left) April 21st at the Inglewood One-Stop Business & Career Center.





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More Than 960 Students Attend 17th Annual Blueprint for Success Job Fair Presented by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board in Partnership With the City of Carson

HAWTHORNE – More than 960 eager students from high school and community college districts throughout the South Bay attended the 17th Annual Blueprint for Success Job Fair hosted by the City of Carson and presented by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB), April 27th, at the Congresswoman Juanita Millender McDonald Community Center in Carson.

Carson Mayor Albert Robles welcomed participants to the fair and urged the students to “think positive, look the employers in the eye and let them know you are sincere and ready to work.”

More than 80 employers from private and public sectors talked to the students and conducted interviews. At the end of the three-hour event, 235 of the students were hired on-the-spot and 280 others were invited back for second interviews.

SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel noted, “This is by far one of the most successful job fairs we have presented over the years, and I want to commend my staff and the employers who made it possible.” He added, “Mayor Robles challenged us to try and achieve a 50 percent hire rate today, and we have a great shot at meeting his challenge.”

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17th Annual Blueprint for Success Photo Caption

Some of the more than 960 high school and college students attending the 17th Annual Blueprint for Success Job Fair on April 27th at the Carson Community Center listen to the welcoming address by Carson Mayor Albert Robles. 235 of the students received job offers on-the-spot and 280 more were invited back for second interviews.





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South Bay Workforce Investment Board to award students in the Aero-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship program with \$500 stipend

HAWTHORNE – The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) has piloted an “earn and learn” model for high school students connecting interns with career pathways in engineering and advanced manufacturing. Up to 25 participating students in the SBWIB’s Aero-Flex pre-apprenticeship program will gain work readiness and technical skills training along with their intensive internship. Once both programs are completed they will be awarded a \$500 stipend. In addition, students will receive many other benefits that will enhance their employment prospects.

The Aero-Flex pre-apprenticeship program is focused on building a pipeline of skilled engineers that meet the needs of industry and participating manufacturers. “This employer driven program will ensure our advanced manufacturing firms can find the talent they need right here in the South Bay region,” said SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel. “This new opportunity will help students prepare for a high wage career and their additional training will make them very attractive to an employer, increasing their chances of getting hired,” he added.

One unique aspect of the program is that the employer is able to define the training plan that the students are taught, which allows the student to learn specific skills that the employer needs. Training in work readiness skills are provided through online and in person courses and through work-based learning and on-the-job training. Additionally, students will receive an Industry-recognized stackable credential, and opportunity to advance to employment, complete college and/or enter into a Registered Apprenticeship. Membership into the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) is also included, providing them access to SME mentor programs, SME Connect, scholarships, competitions and more. Students who complete the program can also earn qualified credentials to add to their college application and resume.

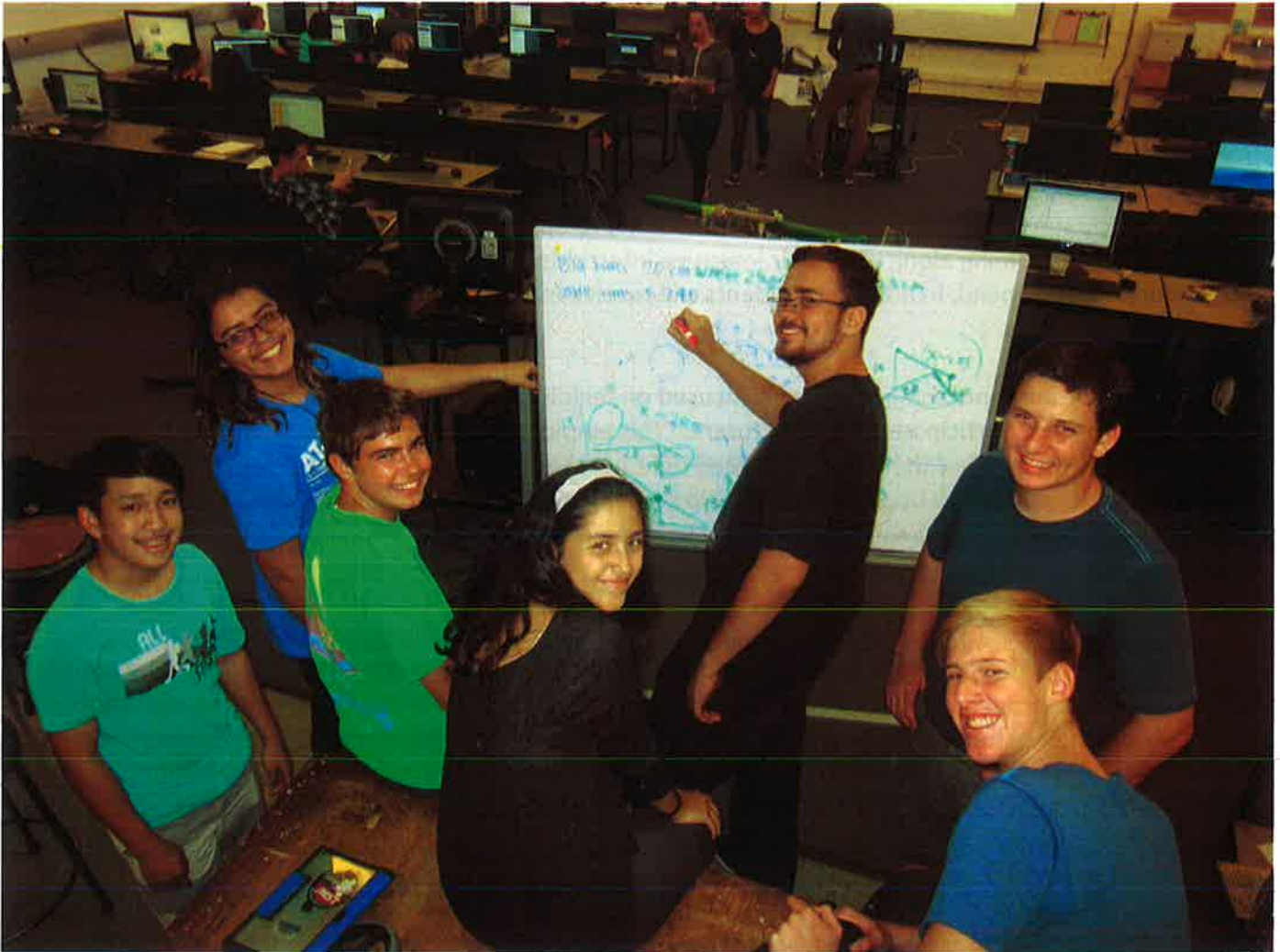
Program expansion will later include post-secondary students, veterans, returning service personnel and other under-served or under-employed populations.

Companies interested in being a part of the program or for more information about enrollment into the Aero-Flex pre-apprenticeship, please contact Deborah Shepard at dshepard@sbwib.org or call (310) 970-7700.

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**Photo caption**

El Segundo students in their after school program, Project Lead the Way (PLTW), a program supporting engineering, technology and science courses.





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April 6, 2017

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**South Bay Workforce Investment Board Receives Award of Merit
From the California Association for Local Economic Development for
Creating the First South Bay Regional Business Portal**

HAWTHORNE – The South Bay Workforce Board (SBWIB) was named the recipient of the 2016 Award of Merit for Economic Development Promotion by the California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED) during its annual training conference, March 21-23, 2017, in San Diego, CA. The SBWIB was the only Workforce Board to be recognized at the event.

The award recognized the SBWIB for its innovative way of marketing a region by launching the first South Bay regional business portal called SouthBayBusiness.org, a website designed to aid businesses, Chambers of Commerce and city governments with critical data they need to make important business and economic development decisions. The website project was developed as a public/private partnership resulting from a regional collaboration among South Bay Cities, led by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB), to support business retention, layoff aversion and business attraction efforts. Access to current data for analysis of the marketplace was considered to be critically necessary for servicing business and remaining competitive.

The website profiles each city with its own landing page and provides an array of tools that include a comprehensive commercial real estate search engine, detailed demographics, incentives available, workforce and labor information, key contacts for each city and information about the communities...everything a business needs in one place. Plus, there are no passwords or logins required for access and all of the comprehensive data is available to the general public.

“This business portal project has proven to be an incredible example of an effective public private partnership,” noted SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel. “And we are honored to be recognized by our economic partners at CALED,” he added.

CALED is one of the largest economic development associations in the state boasting more than 800 members. It has led the way in teaching economic developers, local elected officials and state representatives the value of economic development and how it is used to grow businesses, generate revenue to support community development programs, and retain and create quality jobs.

The SBWIB provide no cost business and employment services in the cities of Inglewood, Hawthorne, El Segundo, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Hermosa Beach, Lomita, Gardena, Manhattan Beach, Lawndale and Carson. For more information please call 310-970-7700 or visit SBWIB.org.



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