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**\$960,000 EDD grant will provide employment assistance for
laid-off workers in L.A.'s South Bay**

LOS ANGELES: Today, the California Employment Development Department (EDD) announced it will provide \$960,000 in workforce development funds to help 600 displaced workers in the Los Angeles South Bay secure new employment.

“Getting these Californians back to work in growing business fields is a priority,” said EDD Director Patrick Henning, Jr. “These funds will support training and job placement services that can lead to good jobs in growing industries.”

The dislocated worker grant was awarded to the South Bay Workforce Development Board (SBWDB), which will use the funds to provide employment assistance to workers who have lost or will lose their jobs because of business closures and layoffs.

According to Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) notices filed by companies prior to large layoffs or closures, more than 4,210 workers in the South Bay area will lose their jobs by December 2017. The companies reporting expected layoffs include LG NanoH2O (LG Water Solutions), Los Angeles Air Force Base, Pathology Inc., Toyota Motor North America, and Triumph Aerostructures. Impacted workers from these companies will be eligible for re-employment assistance.

The SBWDB services will focus on training and job opportunities in growing regional industries that include manufacturing, healthcare, construction, and trade and transportation.

Funding for the program comes from the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and is under the administrative authority of the EDD and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.

For additional information on the grant and the employment assistance services that will be offered, please contact the South Bay Workforce Development Board at (310) 970-7700.