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**EDD awards \$995,500 to help retrain 181 laid-off workers  
in the Los Angeles region**

**SACRAMENTO** – The California Employment Development Department (EDD) announced it has awarded \$995,500 to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board to provide career retraining and employment services to 181 workers laid off from six Los Angeles-area companies.

“This funding will help create new opportunities for these laid-off workers,” said EDD Director Patrick W. Henning. “They’ll be able to use their newly-acquired skills gained through pre-apprenticeships and job training programs to help them rejoin the workforce.”

The workforce board and local community colleges, employers, trade unions and other training providers will provide the laid-off workers with a variety of services to help them find gainful employment. These services include job and resource fairs, on-the-job-training, career transition workshops, apprenticeship programs and pre-apprenticeship programs which prepare individuals for registered apprenticeship programs through industry-based training and classroom instruction.

Many of the laid-off workers already have extensive job training, and the services provided through this funding will help them transition into local in-demand occupations. The workforce board will help to match employment programs and services with regional in-demand industries including construction, utilities, manufacturing and advanced manufacturing, transportation, logistics, hospitality and tourism, and healthcare. Job placement assistance will also be made available through targeted recruitments which will allow qualified individuals to immediately enter employment with interested employers.

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Affected workers were laid off from companies including Jonathan Louis, Jackson National Life Insurance and National Planning Holdings, Inc., Toyota, Richstone Family Center, Telleborg Sealing Solutions, and the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

Funding for this grant was provided through the discretionary funds made available to Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. in accordance with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and administered by the Employment Development Department and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency.

For more information on South Bay Workforce Investment Board and its programs, contact South Bay Workforce Development Board Chief Executive Officer Jan Vogel at (310) 970-7700.

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