



Dear partner,

Welcome to the first 2016 edition of **"South Bay Workforce Connection,"** the electronic newsletter of the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB).

This issue is packed with great information and stories of successes and achievements. You'll find an electronic version of our 2014-2015 Annual Report along with many new online avenues to keep up to date with all the important - and relevant - employment-related information, opportunities, program changes and progress directly affecting the South

Bay Area of Los Angeles County.

In addition to the Annual Report, we have news of the new South Bay Business Portal web site SouthBayBusiness.org, which was recently launched as an additional resource for businesses to succeed, compete and remain in the South Bay Area and by default, keeping them in California.

Through workforce investment funding, the SBWIB provides dislocated workers with free training programs and job-searching resources through four area One-Stop Business & Career Centers in Gardena, Inglewood, Carson and now Torrance.

In the South Bay Area, 11 cities fall within the SBWIB's jurisdiction, which include Carson, El Segundo, Gardena, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Lomita and Torrance. Businesses and employers benefit from programs such as the innovative Rapid Response, which is geared towards layoff aversion. Assistance with recruitment, pre-screening of applicants, on-the-job training, as well as the Transitional Subsidized Employment (TSE) programs are all services available to business. Candidates benefit from all the workshops, training and job search assistance, all at no cost at any one of our One-Stops.

I encourage you to visit www.SBWIB.org, www.SouthBay1Stop.org, www.SouthBayBusiness.org or any one of our social media outlets for additional information and resources.

Sincerely,

Jan Vogel,

Chief Executive Officer