



South Bay Workforce Investment  
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## South Bay Workforce Investment Board

### Update Report for June 2025

The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) continued its mission in June by advancing youth apprenticeship efforts, expanding employer and education partnerships, and delivering workforce programming aligned with high-demand sectors. This month, SBWIB was awarded a \$1 million California Opportunity Youth Apprenticeship (COYA) Pre-Apprenticeship grant to support 125 opportunity youth as they enroll in pre-apprenticeship programs across five key industry sectors: healthcare, advanced manufacturing, aerospace, information and communication technologies (ICT)/digital media, and arts, media and entertainment. This new funding will help young people build technical skills, explore career pathways, and gain the hands-on experience needed to move into meaningful careers. It also allows SBWIB to provide individualized support that helps participants overcome barriers to employment and connect with employers who are ready to hire.

In addition, the South Bay Workforce Investment Board is actively preparing for its 30th Annual Awards Ceremony, taking place on Thursday, October 30, 2025, at the Torrance Marriott South Bay, located at 3635 Fashion Way in Torrance. This milestone event will honor apprentices, outstanding employers, collaborative partners, and any individuals who have played a vital role in advancing workforce development across the region. A variety of sponsorship packages are available, offering valuable perks such as reserved tables, program journal advertisements, logo placement, verbal recognition during the event, yearlong visibility on the SBWIB website, and promotional opportunities through SBWIB's newsletters, providing sponsors with meaningful exposure and the chance to celebrate regional impact.

#### Gardena

SBWIB conducted an onsite visit to ByFusion, a sustainable manufacturing company located in Gardena, to support its integration into the regional Youth Apprenticeship Initiative. The visit was part of a broader effort with partners Conaxion, JobForward, and West Los Angeles College to register a new green manufacturing occupation under the U.S. Department of Labor and California Division of Apprenticeship Standards. On May 22, SBWIB co-hosted a hiring event with the City of Gardena at the Nakaoka Community Center. The event drew 630 job seekers and 37 employers, resulting in 153 on-the-spot hires and 60 follow-up interviews.

#### El Segundo & Torrance

SBWIB delivered its "Blueprint for Workplace Success" curriculum to Da Vinci High School students participating in the Sky-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship program. Students explored aviation careers and built work-readiness skills through hands-on Track 3 activities held at Torrance Airport, including drone piloting, airplane maintenance, and introductory flight experiences. These activities are part of a broader regional effort to connect youth with high-wage, high-growth career pathways.

### Redondo Beach

A new pre-apprenticeship cohort launched in partnership with Northrop Grumman's Redondo Beach Space Park Machining Division. The program prepares students for entry into DAS-registered apprenticeships in advanced manufacturing. Additionally, SBWIB finalized documentation to register a cohort in Northrop's Environmental Safety & Testing Division, expanding the technical pathways available to youth.

### Carson

In partnership with local water utility officials, SBWIB began designing a pre-apprenticeship program for Carson High School students focused on water technology and public infrastructure careers. SBWIB also held a strategic meeting with California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) to explore the development of a regional apprenticeship pathway aligned with CSUDH's Orthotic Fitter program.

### Inglewood

SBWIB continued to support youth training through hands-on work-based learning with 6S Manufacturing. Staff tracked participants' progress on key workplace competencies to evaluate apprenticeship readiness and validate skill gains. In addition, the Inglewood Teen Center celebrated its 12th anniversary with an "Aloha"-themed community event, recognizing student volunteers and announcing a temporary relocation to Morningside High School due to upcoming facility renovations.

### Lawndale

SBWIB conducted outreach to West Cal Academy to expand its network of youth-serving training providers. This work will increase access to industry-aligned programs for Lawndale students and strengthen the region's pre-apprenticeship infrastructure.

### Hawthorne

SBWIB facilitated the June SCAN Mixer at Common Space in Hawthorne, where community partners and employers learned about SBWIB's youth apprenticeship developments. The gathering served as a platform to elevate local success stories and encourage stakeholder collaboration around inclusive workforce solutions.

## General Updates

SBWIB formalized apprenticeship registration for new employer partners Takeda and Human IT, expanding the region's youth apprenticeship ecosystem. These steps reinforce SBWIB's commitment to delivering industry-responsive training and ensuring sustainable employment outcomes for participants.

SBWIB supported the planning and design of the upcoming Advancing Apprenticeship Summit, helping to ensure that youth-centered sessions and pre-apprenticeship strategies are prominently featured.

In collaboration with education and workforce leaders, SBWIB provided technical assistance to Compton Unified School District in launching a district-level pre-apprenticeship program. Additional support was provided to Jail Guitar Doors USA to expand creative arts-based apprenticeships, helping youth access career pathways in the cultural and entertainment industries.

Staff also delivered a targeted presentation on youth apprenticeship development at the 2025 WorkCON Conference, highlighting outcomes, strategic partnerships, and cross-sector innovations.

Planning is underway for a Fall 2025 Apprenticeship Convening in partnership with El Camino College. The convening will showcase youth-focused programming, model partnerships, and successful pre-apprenticeship transitions.

Lastly, SBWIB participated in the Los Angeles Regional Consortium's TPM Academy to support improved alignment between education systems and apprenticeship programs.



## NEWS

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#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

June 10, 2025

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#### **Over 900 Job Seekers Attend 5th Annual “Connect to Your Future” Hiring Event**

**Bell Gardens, CA** – More than 900 job seekers connected with over 75 top employers at the 5th Annual Connect to Your Future Hiring Event, hosted by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) in partnership with the City of Bell Gardens, LA County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) GAIN Regions, and the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE).

Held at the scenic Veterans Park – Ross Hall & Patio in Bell Gardens, the event offered a welcoming indoor-outdoor venue where job seekers engaged directly with recruiters from companies across a wide range of industries, including Sam’s Club, Starbucks, AltaMed, FedEx, Hyundai, USPS, LAUSD, and Visionworks.

The event produced immediate results: 55 attendees were hired on the spot, 74 began the hiring process, and 69 were invited for follow-up interviews, marking it as one of the most impactful workforce events in the region this year.

In his opening remarks, Bell Gardens Mayor Jorgel Chavez addressed the crowd, encouraging employers to connect attendees with meaningful opportunities: “Go ahead and get some folks to sign up—let’s get them ready with some good jobs and maybe transition to a different career,” he said.

Special emphasis was placed on connecting participants from the LA County DPSS GAIN Transitional Subsidized Employment (TSE) program with employers. SBWIB’s LA County DPSS GAIN Division was on-site to provide resources and guidance to support participants' pathways to sustainable employment. LACOE hosted a professional Resume & Application Lab, helping job seekers improve their resumes and strengthen online application skills.

Attendees also had access to key community resources including America’s Job Center of California (AJCC), Your Image 20/20, The Salvation Army, and the LA City Attorney’s HEART Program. The City of Bell Gardens also provided a complimentary continental breakfast, and

guests enjoyed lunch generously sponsored by Gloria's Express—courtesy of Owner Juan J. San Juan III.

The event was emceed by LA County Administrator and U.S. Army Sergeant 1st Class Prince James Reed Williams, who energized the crowd and ensured a smooth flow throughout the day.

Support from over 35 volunteers and the City of Bell Gardens Parks & Recreation team was instrumental in the event's success. Reflecting on the experience, Carolina Hernandez, a Career Development Specialist with The Salvation Army, shared on social media: "This is the most organized and well-executed fair that I have been a part of. Everyone was very pleasant and professional. Good job! Thanks for having us."

Sponsors included:

Gloria's Express Huntington Park, Rice Street, Sam's Club, Starbucks, Carnitas Don Cuco Pacoima, and Martinez Income Tax & Accounting.

This annual hiring event remains a cornerstone of SBWIB's efforts to connect job seekers—particularly those participating in the LA County DPSS GAIN Division TSE programs—with real employment opportunities and career support.

### **About the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB)**

The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) is a regional workforce development leader that connects businesses, educational institutions, and community organizations to empower individuals with skills, employment, and long-term career pathways. Through programs like Aero-Flex and Bio-Flex, SBWIB helps shape the future of work across the Greater Los Angeles Area.

**For more information about SBWIB programs and upcoming events, visit: [www.sbwib.org](http://www.sbwib.org)**

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June 16, 2025

**South Bay Workforce Investment Board Partners  
With City of Gardena to Present Annual  
Hiring Event That Attracts More Than 630 Job Seekers**

**HAWTHORNE** – The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) in partnership with the City of Gardena presented its annual Hiring Event May 22, 2025, at the Nakaoka Community Center that attracted more than 630 job seekers and hiring representatives from 37 prominent public and private employers throughout the region. On-the-spot job offers were extended to 153 individuals and 60 others were scheduled for second interviews.

Staff from the SBWIB's Gardena One-Stop Business and Career Center solicited businesses to participate and provided administrative support to process applicants at the check in. Gardena Parks & Recreation staff provided the logistics and set up.

Gardena Mayor Tasha Cerda extended greetings and thanked the employers for attending and providing opportunities for participants to gain employment and learn about ways to start new careers. The Mayor also acknowledged the tremendous support the SBWIB has given to Gardena over the years to improve its economic base while helping people gain sustainable employment.

"As we near the end of the fourth quarter of our program year, I want to acknowledge the partnerships we have with our elected officials in our region who make these job fairs possible and highly successful," noted Jan Vogel, SBWIB Executive Director. "We have enabled more than 500 individuals to gain employment this quarter because they took the time to participate in these hiring events that were organized by our outstanding One-Stop Center job developers and staff members," he concluded.

The SBWIB provides no cost services to adult and youth job seekers and businesses through its four One-Stop Business and Career Centers that serve 11 South Bay cities. It also operates two Teen Centers in Inglewood and Hawthorne. For further information visit [www.sbwib.org](http://www.sbwib.org).

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Photo caption: The South Bay Workforce Investment Board partnered with City of Gardena to present an annual hiring event at the Nakaoka Community Center that attracted more than 630 job seekers.









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June 17, 2025

**South Bay Workforce Investment Board Presents  
Highly Successful Hiring Event That Exposed  
Hundreds of Job Seekers to Careers in the Hospitality Industry**

**HAWTHORNE** – The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) staged a highly successful Hiring Event in partnership with Contemporary Services Corporation (CSC) June 3<sup>rd</sup>, that attracted more than 370 job seekers to the event that was held at the Watts Labor Community Action Committee Resource Center in Los Angeles.

Of the 291 candidates that received on-site conditional job offers and immediate job offers, 146 applicants completed the subsequent orientation and onboarded with CSC reported, Elisabeth Gutierrez, SBWIB GAIN Program Supervisor.

SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel reflected on the success the WIB has had in exposing job seekers to the many exciting opportunities that are available in the hospitality industry. “CSC supports very high – profile events like concerts, major professional and collegiate athletic events festivals, trade shows and conventions,” he said. He also praised the partnership that the SBWIB has received with the DPSS Region VI job development staff that results in highly organized and supportive environment that benefits candidates and employers alike.

Among the many positions the newly hired CSC employees could fill are Event Security, Access Control, Bike Patrol, Guest Services and Parking Attendants.

SBWIB is a regional workforce development organization that partners with businesses, educational institutions and community organizations to help individuals find employment, develop marketable skills and achieve sustainable careers. SBWIB’s no cost services are provided through its four AJCC One-Stop Business and Career Centers that service 11 South Bay cities. For further information visit [www.sbwib.org](http://www.sbwib.org)



South Bay Workforce Investment Board's

# 30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Thursday, October 30, 2025



Reception: 5:30 pm

Program: 7:00 pm

Event Location:

**Torrance Marriott South Bay**

3635 Fashion Way,  
Torrance, CA 90503

## Presenting Sponsorship \$10,000

- 1 Presenting banner
- 1 Presenting ceremony table of 10
- 2 full page program journal advertisement
- Logo recognition on program journal back cover
- Name recognition in program journal
- Product/Service advertising in newsletter
- Logo displayed and verbal recognition during event
- Service/logo advertising on SBWIB website for a year with link to company website
- Online display of promo sponsor video up to 30 sec. (provided by sponsor)

## Platinum Sponsorship \$5,000

- 1 Platinum ceremony table of 10
- 1 full page program journal advertisement
- Logo recognition on program journal back cover
- Name recognition in program journal
- Product/Service advertising in newsletter
- Logo displayed and verbal recognition during event
- Service/logo advertising on SBWIB website for a year with link to company website

## Gold Sponsorship \$3,500

- 1 Gold ceremony table of 10
- Half page program journal advertisement
- Name recognition in program journal
- Product/Service advertising in newsletter
- Logo displayed and verbal recognition during event
- Service/logo advertising on SBWIB website for a year with link to company website

## • Silver Sponsorship - \$2,000

- Seating for 5 guests
- 1/4 page program journal advertisement
- Logo displayed and verbal recognition during event
- Service/logo advertising on SBWIB website for a year with link to company website
- Name recognition in program journal
- Logo to appear in SBWIB newsletter

## • Individual Seats - \$250

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Or call (310) 970-7700 or email [info@sbwib.org](mailto:info@sbwib.org)



# 30<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Join the SBWIB and South Bay business partners to congratulate and award participants who have successfully made it through SBWIB programs, got training and found employment; also, to acknowledge and thank our many partners and community stakeholders.

Proceeds generated from the event go towards sustaining and funding various youth-oriented programs and events, including the Inglewood and Hawthorne Teen Centers and the Blueprint for Workplace Success program.

A stylized white signature of Jan Vogel on a dark blue background.

Jan Vogel  
CEO  
South Bay Workforce Investment Board, Inc.

**Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Reception: 5:30 pm - Program: 7:00 pm**

## Contact Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship level ☐ Presenting - \$10,000 ☐ Gold - \$3,500 ☐ Individual - \$250  
☐ Platinum - \$7,000 ☐ Silver - \$2,000

Artwork Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment:** Will you be paying with a check or online?

**Check** (make payable to "SBWIB, Inc")

**Online** payment option available through PayPal at [www.SBWIB.org](http://www.SBWIB.org)

Guest List: Please provide the names of attendees by email to [info@sbwib.org](mailto:info@sbwib.org)

Attendees list Contact (name and email address): \_\_\_\_\_

Names and Email Addresses of Guests should be emailed to [sberry@sbwib.org](mailto:sberry@sbwib.org) by **October 6, 2025**. Please indicate if any of your guest have dietary restrictions or allergies as well as if you would like to donate any seats/tickets.

Federal Tax ID #01-0611872.

Return reply form by mail or fax to: SBWIB, Inc.

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Form available online at [www.sbwib.org](http://www.sbwib.org)

**All Sponsorships will receive digital media and online recognition.**

**\*\*Artwork print deadline for program journal & website: Thursday, October 2, 2025**

Program Journal Advertisement & Video Specifications

2 Full Page - 11" W x 8.5" H • Full Page - 5.5" W x 8.5" H

Half Page - 5.5" W x 4.25" H • Quarter Page - 2.75" W x 4.25" H

Camera ready artwork must be bleed and in CMYK. Submit artwork and company logo in high resolution (300 dpi) PDF or EPS **with fonts outlined**

Video format - 16:9 ratio in MP4 format. Email all media to [mktg@sbwib.org](mailto:mktg@sbwib.org).



# South Bay One-Stop Business & Career Centers



## No Cost Services

## Be Our Next Success Story

### Business Services

- Hiring Support
- Recruitment Services
- Customized Training
- Rapid Response
- Layoff Aversions
- Apprenticeships

### Adult Services

- Job Placement
- On-the-Job Training
- Veteran Transition
- Apprenticeship
- Career Pathways 180
- Dislocated Worker

### Youth Services

- Summer Jobs Program
- Teen Centers
- Pre-Apprenticeship
- College Preparation
- Blueprint for Workplace Success Training



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Inglewood, CA 90301  
(310) 680-3700

#### Gardena One-Stop

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Gardena, CA 90247  
(310) 538-7070

#### Torrance One-Stop

1220 Engracia Ave.  
Torrance, CA 90501  
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#### Carson One-Stop

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- Continue to college, a registered apprenticeship, and/or employment

## Requirements to enroll into SBWIB Pre-Apprenticeship Programs:

- Must be 17 or older
- Must live in Los Angeles County
- Other eligibility criteria may apply

Interested in enrolling or have questions?

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# SCAN

Southern California  
Apprenticeship Network  
(Non-Traditional)

## FOR EMPLOYERS, WORKFORCE BOARDS, EDUCATION PROVIDERS, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGS & OTHER INTERESTED PARTNERS.

Explore the benefits of apprenticeship as a strategic workforce recruiting, training and development model while networking and learning. Learn about the resources available to your organization!

### SCAN is:

**An employer and stakeholder consortium** which brings together those interested in **growing and expanding apprenticeship across Southern California** and:

- creates employment opportunities** for job seekers,
- uplifts underrepresented communities** and those with employment barriers,
- provides employers with a quality pipeline of world-class local talent.**

### SCAN's purpose:

**We provide a forum for business, government, educators, workforce boards, community-based organizations, labor, and other interested parties to come together to share information, access resources and work together to grow apprenticeship programs** across Southern California and the State—to support the State's apprenticeship enrollment and placement goals of 500,000 apprentices by 2029.

### Attend monthly meetings:



#### Become an Active Member

Monthly virtual SCAN meetings occur the second Thursday of the month from 12:00-1:00pm PT on Teams. The meetings are an opportunity to learn about resources and connect with others across the region around apprenticeship.



#### Share Apprenticeship Needs

Please email [scan@sbwib.org](mailto:scan@sbwib.org) with any suggested topics for future SCAN meetings or areas where you need apprenticeship assistance. We can connect you to the appropriate resources.



#### Join a Subcommittee

Email [scan@sbwib.org](mailto:scan@sbwib.org) to let us know if you have interest in working on a subcommittee. The time commitment is minimal (joining monthly calls) and very critical to the effectiveness of the network.

### GET IN TOUCH

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