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### *South Bay Workforce Investment Board*

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**US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AWARDS \$1.1 MILLION YOUTHBUILD GRANT TO  
SOUTH BAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD LED - COALITION  
TO SUPPORT ACADEMIC AND OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING FOR AT-RISK YOUTH**

**HAWTHORNE** – The U.S. Department of Labor announced the award of \$1.1 million in YouthBuild grant funds to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) and its partners, Century Center for Economic Opportunity (CCEO) YouthBuild, and Habitat For Humanity of Greater Los Angeles. The funds will support academic and occupational skills training for at-risk youth and will directly benefit South Bay area youth in Inglewood, Hawthorne, Lawndale, El Segundo, Gardena, Carson, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance and Lomita.

“We are grateful to once again be recognized by the Department of Labor with this much needed grant award,” SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel said. “We anticipate that after they complete occupational skills training and earn industry-recognized certifications, these YouthBuild participants will be able to secure good paying jobs and get on a path to self-sufficiency,” he concluded.

The SBWIB and CCOE’s YouthBuild program aligns with former President Obama’s My Brother’s Keeper initiative and job-driven training agenda by promoting a “stepping stone” approach to a seamless progression from education to work-based learning. It includes classroom instruction and occupational skills training within the construction building trades for youth ages 16 to 24 at approved worksites managed by Habitat for Humanity. The YouthBuild participants have either been in the juvenile justice system or have aged out of foster care, have dropped out of high school or are otherwise at-risk of failing to reach key educational and career milestones. The program provides young adults opportunities and career pathways to gain the skills and education they need for employment and to become leaders in their communities.

The SBWIB operates four One Stop Business & Careers Centers within the South Bay area plus two Teen Centers in Inglewood and Hawthorne providing adult, youth and business services. For more information please call (310) 970-7700 or visit [www.SBWIB.org](http://www.SBWIB.org).

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