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

HAWTHORNE – The U.S. Department of Labor announced the award of \$1,100,000 in YouthBuild grant funds to the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) and the Century Center for Economic Opportunity (CCEO) YouthBuild. The funds will support academic and occupational skills training for at-risk youth and directly benefit South Bay youth in Inglewood, Hawthorne, Lawndale, El Segundo, Gardena, Carson, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, and Redondo Beach.

Jan Vogel, SBWIB CEO stated; “We are grateful to the Department of Labor for these much needed funds and anticipate that by providing YouthBuild participants with occupational skills training, as well as industry-recognized certifications, they will be able to secure good paying jobs and get on a path to self-sufficiency.”

The SBWIB and CCEO’s YouthBuild program aligns with President Obama’s My Brother’s Keeper initiative and job-driven training agenda by promoting a “stepping stone” approach that provides a seamless progression from education to work-based training that includes classroom instruction and occupational skills training to youth ages 16 to 24 who have been in the juvenile justice system, are aging out of foster care, have dropped out of high school or are otherwise at-risk of failing to reach key educational and career milestones.

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