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**THE SOUTH BAY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD SEEKS HOME REPAIR / REMODELING
CONTRACTORS TO HIRE WORKERS TRAINED IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND GREEN CONSTRUCTION**

South Bay Environmental Services Center (SBESC) provides critical energy and water saving information to businesses, residents, municipal governments, school districts and other special agencies. Through its partnership with the South Bay Workforce Investment Board, SBESC has the following important bulletin:

HAWTHORNE--The South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) and the *Gateways to Green Building* partners are looking for Residential Contractors and Suppliers to hire experienced construction workers trained in **GREEN BUILDING** and **RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY**. Wage reimbursement incentives for employers are available.

Gateways to Green Building graduates have been trained to work as Home Energy Auditors, Home Energy Retrofit Technicians, Sustainable Development Technicians, and Weatherization Technicians. They have received industry-recognized certifications from the following leading green building and home performance organizations: Association of Energy Engineers, Build It Green, California Building Performance Contractors Association, and Richard Heath and Associates, Inc. Certain graduates are BPI-Certified.

The Gateways to Green Building Partners include: the SBWIB, the Century Center for Economic Opportunity, the U.S. Green Building Council Los Angeles Chapter, Build It Green, the California Building Performance Contractors Association, Richard Heath and Associates, Inc., the Association of Energy Engineers, El Camino College, the IBEW/NECA Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee-Electrical Training Institute, the South Bay Environmental Services Center, and the South Bay One-Stop Business and Career Centers.

This program is funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) by the US Department of Labor, the State of California under the Clean Energy Workforce Training Program, and the United Way of Greater Los Angeles, a member of the Los Angeles Workforce Funder Collaborative, under a grant from Jobs for the Future. For more information, please contact Jan Vogel or Robert Mejia at (310) 970-7700.

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The SBESC is the South Bay's local clearinghouse for energy and water efficiency training, materials and other environmental information. SBESC works closely with the sixteen South Bay cities and County Unincorporated Areas of the South Bay on the implementation of energy and water saving projects that reduce greenhouse gases as well as costs. SBESC provides resources and tools to assist residents, businesses, and public agencies in better understanding the potential for energy and water efficiency within their homes and businesses. The Center hosts a wide variety of seminars, training sessions, and participates in many community events to assist consumers in making the best decision regarding energy and water use. The SBESC is operated by the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) which partners with The Gas CompanySM, Southern California Edison, West Basin Municipal Water District, City of Torrance Water Department, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and County of Los Angeles. Visit www.sbesc.com for the latest activities, schedules and opportunities to participate in a greener South Bay.

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