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**South Bay Environmental Services Center joins South Bay Workforce Investment Board in
Launch of the
Gateways to Green Building Pre-Apprenticeship Program Under the
California Clean Energy Workforce Training Program**

The Gateways to Green Building Pre-Apprenticeship Program offers South Bay residents core skills training for green job opportunities, and building employers the opportunity to tap into green building projects. **Potential employers considering green building opportunities and information regarding the GGB program are strongly encouraged to attend a one-hour information session at the South Bay Environmental Services Center: “General Contractors and Green Building Employers” Session Tuesday, April 27 at 4pm, or the “Minority and Women-Owned Green Building Employers” Session Tuesday, May 11 at 4pm. To register for one of these events contact Grace Farwell-Granger at SBESC at (310) 371-7222 x206.**

California’s economy is “greening,” and work on energy efficiency and renewable energy projects in residential construction is a large part of the expansion. On March 1st, 2010, the Gateways to Green Building (GGB) Pre-Apprenticeship Program began classes at the Century Center for Economic Opportunity for South Bay residents and job seekers. The program is designed to prepare new workforce entrants, underemployed and unemployed South Bay workers for apprenticeships and employment in green building occupations. Successful graduates will be qualified to work as Energy Efficiency Retrofit Technicians, Sustainable Development Technicians, Electrical Apprentices, and Deconstruction Workers.



During this 3-month program, participants develop literacy in green building and energy efficiency and sustainable development trade skills. For hands-on training, participants will work on qualifying South Bay homes with GRID Alternatives and other community organizations devoted to residential energy efficiency.

GGB participants will receive expert instruction in green building from several highly qualified organizations and their certified trainers. Partners include: 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, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 11. Graduates will receive strong consideration for employment by participating home energy performance contractors and green employers in need of skilled personnel. The South Bay Environmental Services Center will source and identify employer participants.

Most GGB graduates will be eligible for certifications from the Home Builders Institute, Build it Green, The California Building Performance Contractors Association, the Association of Energy Engineers, and the South Bay Workforce Investment Board.

GGB is a part of the California Clean Energy Workforce Training Program and is funded by the California Energy Commission, the California Workforce Investment Board, and the California Employment Development Department under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The program is managed by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board, in cooperation with the Century Center for Economic Opportunity.