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Update Report – October 2023 for the SBCCOG

28th Annual Awards Ceremony

The SBWIB's 28th Annual Awards Ceremony will be held at the Torrance Marriott South Bay Hotel located at 3635 Fashion Way, Torrance, CA 90503 on Thursday, November 9, 2023. The reception will begin at 5:00 pm. followed by the Dinner Program at 6:00 pm. Join the SBWIB and South Bay business partners to congratulate and award participants who have successfully made it through various SBWIB programs, received training and found employment. It is also an opportunity 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. To purchase tickets or sponsor the event, please visit <https://www.sbwib.org/28-aac>.

Apprenticeship

The SBWIB continued to work with partners across the Southern California region to develop the Space-Flex apprenticeship program as part of the Space Industry Coalition Southern California Regional Pilot. The initiative was established under the White House Space Industry Coalition that seeks to address the rising demand for the space industry's skilled technical workforce and is one of three regional pilots across the country. The SBWIB and the two other participating regions, New Orleans and Florida, attended the Manufacturing Momentum Summit: Building the Future Defense Workforce in DC centered around workforce. During this trip, the three regions met with White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Senior Policy Advisor Quincy Brown at the White House to discuss progress and next steps. The SBWIB continued to outreach to employers and partners to sign the Space-Flex MOU and identify national grants to advance this initiative. The team also started to explore the process to register national standards to offer apprenticeships to employers with multiple locations across the country.

The team continued to assist employers in understanding how to utilize apprenticeship, including Karl Storz in El Segundo and the following employers in Torrance: Celestron, Eravant, Murti LLC, Moog Aircraft, Project Proone Labs, and Navitas. The team met with an advanced manufacturing company called Hadrian in Torrance through an introduction from the City of Torrance.

The network began planning a hybrid kickoff event for November 15th from 8:30am-11:30am at Los Angeles Trade Technical College during National Apprenticeship week to help employers

and other partners learn about the benefits of apprenticeship as a strategic workforce recruiting, training and development model. For more information and to RSVP, go to <https://tinyurl.com/SCAN-Kickoff>.

The team attended the CA Assembly Select Committee on Biotechnology Roundtable in Los Angeles facilitated by Assemblymember Chris Ward to provide input on how to grow the biotechnology ecosystem, which includes supporting the expansion of apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship.

Pre-Apprenticeship

Thirty-nine students from two high schools enrolled in the Bio-Flex Pre-Apprenticeship through a grant from LA County Supervisor Holly Mitchell's office. During the program, students from Animo Leadership High School and Washington Prep High School will have the opportunity to learn about the wide range of careers in life sciences and build their skills to prepare for them. This includes completing the SBWIB's Blueprint for Workplace Success work readiness training, creating or updating their resume, joining LinkedIn, practicing their interview skills, completing technical skills classes through Biotech Primer, learning about the Promise Program, learning about career opportunities from a wide variety of employers, learning about local college science programs, and participating in the hands-on Amgen Biotech Experience. Graduates will receive certificates of completion and a \$300 stipend check at their graduation ceremonies in December.