

County Residents Find Opportunities at 2012 Inland Empire West End Job Fair

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., Sept, 27, 2012 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – At six o'clock in the morning, Sean Lunsford was the second person in line for the Inland Empire West End Job Fair hosted by the San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board at the L.A./Ontario International Airport. A few hours later, he walked out with an appointment for a job interview.

“With online job searching and applying, you can't meet people face to face,” he said. “This event gave me the opportunity to ask employers about the organization and how my talents and skills could fit into their culture.”

After speaking with a recruiter for a Rancho Cucamonga company, Lunsford came away with a real lead. “It feels like this will be a good fit,” he said. “I have great people skills as well as the technical background, and not too many IT people have both.”

Executive Director Sandy Harmsen of the Workforce Investment Board thanked the 78 employers that brought over 1,400 job opportunities to this year's event.

“Many of our county's employers are committed to hiring locally,” said Harmsen. “The Workforce Investment Board holds several job fairs throughout the year, and at these events participating businesses successfully find and hire the qualified workforce they need to grow and serve their customers.”

This is the fourth year Eduardo Cruz, human resources manager at Horizon Hobby, Inc. has attended the Inland Empire West End Job Fair. He has hired two employees through On-the-Job Training funds and regularly utilizes the HR hotline provided to local employers at no-cost by the Workforce Investment Board.

“This is great exposure for our company as well as a great way for us to meet prospective applicants,” he said. “We're very committed to hiring within the community and create a strong, loyal workforce.”

The jobs offered include full-time and part-time positions in professional, managerial, technical, clerical, manufacturing, medical, retail, service, sales, security and law enforcement.

“The collective efforts of the local cities, chambers of commerce, media, and faith organizations helped make the Inland Empire West End Job Fair possible,” said Josie Gonzales, Chair and County of San Bernardino Fifth District Supervisor. “Such successful collaborations help local job seekers find employment closer to home, enabling them to support themselves and their families. These job fairs equally support businesses as they seek out a skilled workforce that will help them grow and sustain our county's economic vitality.”

Employers and job seekers who are interested in the Workforce Investment Board programs may call: (800) 451-JOBS or visit <http://www.csb-win.org/> .

About the Workforce Investment Board of San Bernardino County:

The Workforce Investment Board of San Bernardino County is comprised of private business representatives and public partners appointed by the County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors. The WIB strives to strengthen the skills of the County's workforce through partnerships with business, education and community-based organizations. The County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors is committed to providing County resources, which generate jobs and investment.

The Workforce Investment Board, through the County of San Bernardino's Economic Development Agency and Workforce Development Department, operates the County of San Bernardino's Employment Resource Centers (ERCs) and Business Resource Centers (BRCs). The ERCs provide individuals with job training, placement and the tools to strengthen their skills to achieve a higher quality of life. The BRCs support and provide services to the County's businesses including employee recruitment.

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