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Workforce Development Board

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Career Exploration Day to Focus on Building Trades



Job seekers interested in the construction trades are invited to participate in a Job Exploration Day Sept. 29 at the Applied Technology Training Center in San Bernardino.

The event is sponsored by the Building Industry Association of Southern California Baldy View Chapter (BIA) in partnership with the San Bernardino County Workforce Development Board (WDB) and the San Bernardino County Community College District. It is designed to address the growing needs of the building trades and a shortage of construction workers throughout San Bernardino County.

According to research conducted for WDB by Chmura Economics & Analytics, construction is one of the highest-demand career sectors in the Inland Empire, requiring more than 22,000 additional workers over the next decade. This increase is being fueled by an influx of businesses and the strong demand for housing in one of the fastest-growing population centers in the United States. With nearly 4.5 million people, the Inland Empire is now the 13th largest metropolitan statistical area in the country, ahead of Seattle, Tampa-St. Petersburg and Denver.

Organizers of the Job Exploration Day are hoping to attract more than 300 individuals interested in construction jobs. Builders will be on hand to discuss the growth of the homebuilding industry, as well as job and career opportunities. Participants will be divided into two categories – those with construction experience and those with little or no experience. Those in the second category will be offered the opportunity to enroll into a free 72-hour Work Readiness Credential Program offered by the Community College District.

The Job Exploration Day will be held at 9 a.m. Sept. 29 at 124 Del Rosa Drive in San Bernardino. It will be followed by a hiring event, tentatively scheduled for November.

To pre-register for the Job Exploration Day, please go to www.biabuild.com/jobs.

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About the San Bernardino County Workforce Development Board

The San Bernardino County Workforce Development Board (WDB) is comprised of private business representatives and public partners appointed by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors. The WDB strives to strengthen the skills of the County's workforce through partnerships with business, education and community-based organizations. The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors is committed to

providing county resources, which generate jobs and investment in line with the [Countywide Vision](#).

The Workforce Development Board, through the San Bernardino County Economic Development Agency and Workforce Development Department, offers a variety of programs designed to help youth and adults identify career pathways and get the appropriate training and skills. Programs funded through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) provide eligible youth, ages 16 to 24, access to a variety of career and educational services designed to help enhance job skills, develop leadership qualities, explore career options, participate in adult and peer mentoring opportunities, and take advantage of work experiences. In addition, the WDB operates San Bernardino County's three America's Job Centers of California (AJCC). The AJCCs provide individuals with job training, placement and the tools to strengthen their skills to achieve a higher quality of life. The AJCCs also support and provide services to the County's businesses, including employee recruitment and business retention programs.

Employers and job seekers who are interested in the Workforce Development Board programs may call: (800) 451-JOBS or visit www.sbcounty.gov/workforce. Also follow us on: Facebook www.facebook.com/SBCountyWDB; Twitter [@InlandEmpireJob](https://twitter.com/InlandEmpireJob); LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/company/sanbernardinocountywdb>; and YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/SBCountyWIB>.