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Workforce Development Board

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Manufacturers in the High Desert looking for qualified employees

The "Made in the High Desert" Job Fair is returning to the San Bernardino County Fair Grounds in Victorville on February 23.

This invitation-only Job Fair will be hosted by Board of Supervisors Chairman Robert Lovingood of the First District and San Bernardino County Workforce Development Board (WDB). Interested applicants will need to pre-qualify online at www.csb-win.org, job order 32195. Those that qualify will receive an invitation for entry. For those that do not qualify for this event, the America's Job Centers of California can assist with participating in other job fair opportunities.

"We're seeing more interest from companies looking to expand in the High Desert, and with our partnerships with private manufacturers, VVC and Barstow College and our emphasis on technical training, we're developing a pipeline of qualified workers to help these businesses grow," Lovingood said.

Tony Myrell, WDB Chairman, explains that connecting businesses with a skilled labor force is critical to achieving a strong, vibrant regional economy. "The Workforce Development Board is an invaluable resource for finding and to help produce well-trained, high-quality employees that meet the needs of all industry sectors," Myrell said.

According to the most recent research conducted by Chmura Economics & Analytics, San Bernardino County's manufacturing firms employ 57,099 workers and the industry pays at the above-average annual wage of \$53,863. Overall, jobs in San Bernardino County are expected to grow faster than the rest of the state at every level of education and training.

To pre-qualify and receive an invitation, please go to www.csb-win.org, using Job Order # 32195 or for more information, please call (800) 451-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; LinkedIn <https://www.linkedin.com/company/sanbernardinocountywdb>; and YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/SBCountyWIB>.