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Workforce Investment Board Offers Job Assistance to Graduates of New Avionics Training

New requirement for planes creates strong demand for avionics specialists

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (October 14, 2014)--The County of San Bernardino Workforce Investment Board (WIB) announced today that it is recruiting for a 40-day training course in Avionics and Industrial Technology at Chaffey College.

The no-cost training is open to 20 low-income, long-term unemployed, disabled or re-entry individuals (which include parolees, probationers and individuals with a felony on record). The WIB and Chaffey College are looking for recruits who enjoy working with their hands, are mechanically inclined and have a strong attention to detail. Graduates will earn a nationally recognized certification in Industrial Maintenance Electrical & Instrumentation from the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER).

As a partner of Chaffey College in the initiative, the San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board will provide recruitment and employment assistance to help graduates land jobs at local businesses with a demand for avionics and industrial maintenance expertise.

The program is a not-for-credit, short-term pilot program funded through a \$150,000 Workforce Accelerator Fund grant awarded to Chaffey College by the California Workforce Investment Board. Classes begin October 20 and take place at Chaffey College's Chino campus. To attend an orientation, prospective trainees should call (909) 652-7664.

"This program was designed in response to the need of employers in San Bernardino County," said Workforce Investment Board Executive Director, Sandy Harmsen. "Fortunately, we are positioned to assist the program graduates in securing employment with one of the businesses we work with."

There is an expected industry demand spike for people with expertise in aviation and industrial electrical technology and instrumentation. In 2010, the Federal Aviation Administration issued a requirement that all aircraft flying in controlled airspace must be equipped with new avionics by

2020. The new systems, known as ADS-B, use GPS technology and will replace radar. Industry estimates expect 20,000 ADS-B installations per year between now and 2020.

“In one year, the Workforce Investment Board has served nearly 3,000 businesses and identified more than 12,000 job openings. This partnership with Chaffey College is another example of how the Workforce Investment Board is helping residents enter well-paying career fields while also meeting the needs of growing industries in our County,” San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Chair Janice Rutherford said.

For more information on the Industrial Maintenance Electrical & Instrumentation & Avionics training, please call the Chaffey College Workforce Training Institute at (909) 652-7664. For more information on the County of San Bernardino Workforce Investment Board, contact 1(800) 451-JOBS or visit www.csb-win.org.

About the Workforce Investment Board of San Bernardino County

The Workforce Investment Board of San Bernardino County (WIB) is comprised of private business representatives and public partners appointed by the County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors. The Workforce Investment Board strives to strengthen the skills of the County's workforce through partnerships with business, education and community-based organizations. The County of San Bernardino WIB 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 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 Investment Board programs may call: (800) 451-JOBS or visit www.csb-win.org.

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