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Excellent regional partnership leads to award for Workforce Investment Board

SAN BERNARDINO (July XX, 2014) – Executive Director of the San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board, Sandy Harmsen, was recognized by the Desert Regional Consortium for her work in partnering with local colleges to boost job creation.

The Desert Regional Consortium represents 13 community colleges and two community college districts in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. It serves to regionally collaborate, promote and plan career and technical education and workforce and economic development in the Inland Empire/Desert Region.

Harmsen was nominated for excellence in partnership by Kathy Dutton of Chaffey College for providing valuable and innovative programs targeted to assist local residents in building the necessary skills to secure employment.

"I'm very grateful to receive this recognition on behalf of the Workforce Investment Board," said Harmsen.

"Our partnerships with local colleges and industry leaders ensure that we are providing the very best service to our community residents and employers. It is through these collaborations that the Workforce Investment Board can develop training programs to build the skilled workforce and the employers in our County need."

San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Chair Janice Rutherford added, "Strong, effective partnerships, not only with colleges, but with local businesses and community based organizations, are key components in delivering the right candidates to expanding companies, and meeting the needs of our growing industry sectors."

