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### Workforce Development Board

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## Workforce Investment Board uses federal grant to offer more paid training opportunities for unemployed adults



Program will train jobless for careers in demand industries

**SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (January 6, 2014)**—The County of San Bernardino Workforce Investment Board announced that it will use a National Emergency Grant to fund new paid training opportunities for unemployed residents.

Requirements to qualify for training are minimal: adults receiving unemployment benefits for six months or more are eligible for this no-cost program operated by the Workforce Investment Board. Eligible participants will receive career counseling and opportunities for On-the-Job Training in the area's demand sectors. Additional paid work experience opportunities are also available through the Workforce Investment Board to those who do not meet these qualifications.

"For many of San Bernardino County's unemployed, securing a good job in the current economy will require a career change," said Workforce Investment Board Executive Director Sandy Harmsen. "This grant allows local job seekers to identify and train for a new profession while receiving a paycheck."

On-The-Job Training will be focused in the area's demand sectors: healthcare, energy and utilities, construction, transportation and logistics, and manufacturing. The goal is for participants to receive an offer for permanent employment after the training period is complete.

"With 13,000 San Bernardino County residents losing unemployment benefits this month, an increase in On-the-Job Training, funded by federal dollars, is a strategic move to close our region's skills gap and offer residents excellent employment," Harmsen added.

For information about no-cost training provided to residents by the County of San Bernardino Workforce Investment Board, contact 1 (800) 451-JOBS or visit [www.csb-win.org](http://www.csb-win.org).