

South Bay Workforce Investment Board

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South Bay Workforce Investment Board Receives Grant From Torrance Refining Company

HAWTHORNE – Torrance Refining Company LLC has awarded the South Bay Workforce Investment Board (SBWIB) with a \$1,500 grant earlier this month to help fund the employment and training programs and services the SBWIB provides to underserved populations in the South Bay area.

In announcing the grant, SBWIB Executive Director Jan Vogel noted that it is business leaders like Torrance Refining Company that make a positive impact on their communities by seeking out and supporting organizations like us who are providing vital services to adults and youth seeking career training and job placement help without charge.

Torrance refinery spokesperson Betsy Brien stated, "As an employer in the region, we appreciate the valuable service the South Bay Workforce Investment Board provides to those in our community who may face barriers to employment, and we are happy to be able to support their efforts."

Torrance Refining Company joined the South Bay community when it acquired the former ExxonMobil Refinery in July. It employs more than 600 people and accounts for another 440-500 subcontractor jobs. It is the fifth refinery and related asset operated by its parent company PBF Energy based in New Jersey.

In addition to its many employment preparation and placement services for individuals, the SBWIB also provides free services that help to improve the bottom line for small and large employers by reducing recruitment and training expenses while increasing employee retention and productivity.

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