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**“PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS” HIRING EVENT TO CONNECT SAN BERNARDINO
JOB SEEKERS WITH JOBS**
More Than A Job Fair, Event Will Feature Over 400 Job Openings

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Los Angeles, CA, May 9, 2016 – State Senator Connie M. Leyva, the Workforce Development Board (WDB) of San Bernardino County, America’s Job Center of California, Employment Development Department (EDD) Workforce Services and Goodwill Southern California (GSC), will be holding the second annual Pathways to Success Hiring Event from 8:30AM to 2PM on Friday, May 13. This year the event will be held at the ITT Technical Institute – San Bernardino Campus (670 E. Carnegie Drive, San Bernardino 92408).

The hiring event will be more than the standard job fair where prospective employers distribute information on their organizations as job seekers pass out resumes. This year’s event will feature over 400 job openings. Job seekers will benefit from a unique format where each attendee will participate in on site interview(s) and some may even be offered jobs during the event. Job seekers will be pre-screened to match specific employment criteria identified by partnering employers. Employers will conduct interviews during the hiring event and may extend employment offers to applicants immediately, on-site, or schedule next step interviews and/or screenings.

State Senator Connie M. Leyva (D – Chino) said “I am proud to again partner with Goodwill Southern California and the San Bernardino County Workforce Development Board to bring together employers from throughout the region that are ready to hire qualified job seekers. As the State Senator representing the 20th State Senate District, I believe that this local and regional collaboration will help to improve the Inland Empire, as well as the lives of countless individuals and their families. I thank participating employers for taking part in this annual Hiring Fest and invite job seekers to attend this great opportunity to connect with prospective employers.”

Over a dozen employer partners, including FedEx, SAC Health Systems, ITT, Hayneedle.com, Complete Coach Works and NFI Industries will participate in the hiring event, and have made a commitment to hiring local job seekers.

In advance of the event, preparatory Workshops will be offered to job seekers who will receive tips on resume development, interview skills, dressing for success and how to complete online job applications.

Space is limited and pre-registration for the hiring event is required. Job Seekers may register for the event and pre-screening workshops by contacting Ruben Nunez at 909-890-1415 or cnunez@goodwillsoCal.org. Employers interested in participating in the Hiring Event or customized recruitment opportunities may contact Jessica Rodriguez at jrodriguez@GoodwillSoCal.org.

Media are encouraged to help spread the word to job seekers by announcing the upcoming event.

About State Senator Connie M. Leyva

Elected to represent the 20th State Senate District on November 4, 2014, Senator Connie M. Leyva is serving her first term in the California State Senate. The district includes the cities and communities of Bloomington, Chino, Colton, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Montclair, Muscoy, Ontario, Pomona, Rialto and San Bernardino. Senator Leyva serves as Democratic Caucus Chair of the California State Senate, as well as on the following committees: Appropriations, Education, Energy, Utilities and Communications, Joint Legislative Audit, Rules, Transportation and Housing She also currently serves on the Senate Select Committees on California-Mexico Cooperation, Manufactured Home Communities, Ports & Goods Movement and Women and Inequality: Strategies to Promote Opportunity.

About Goodwill Southern California

Transforming lives through the power of work, Goodwill Southern California (GSC) serves people with disabilities or other vocational challenges, as well as businesses, by providing education, training, work experience and job placement services. Each year, GSC prepares and places thousands of individuals into sustainable employment through programs and services offered at three campuses, Career Resource Centers, WorkSource Centers, Deaf, Youth and Veteran Employment Programs throughout Los Angeles (north of Rosecrans Ave.), Riverside and San Bernardino counties. GSC supports its mission with proceeds generated from 82 retail stores and 47 attended donation centers. Charity Navigator, an independent charity evaluator has awarded GSC its highest four-star ranking for 13 consecutive years; largely due to the fact GSC spends 95 percent of its budget on programs and services. Committed to caring for the earth, in 2015 GSC diverted 100 million pounds of reusable or recyclable goods from landfills, Goodwill is Good For Everyone! For more information about Goodwill Southern California, please call (888) 4-GOODWILL or visit www.GoodwillSoCal.org.

About the Workforce Development Department of San Bernardino County (WDB)

The WDB is made up of representatives from local educational institutes, labor organizations, community based organizations, private sector businesses, and government. The WDB's role is to ensure that the local workforce investment system is market-driven and responsive in meeting the employment and training needs of employers and job seekers alike. Business Services Unit is a nationally recognized team that has helped thousands of Inland Empire businesses save time and money as they hire and train new employees. Many businesses have benefited from our services and return each time they need to hire or train their workforce.

About the America's Job Center of California (AJCC)

America's Job Center of CaliforniaSM (AJCC) is your one-stop shop for workforce services, providing a comprehensive range of no-cost employment and training services for employers and job seekers. Most centers offer information about Unemployment Insurance, Disability Insurance, and Paid Family Leave benefits.

About ITT Technical Institute

ITT Technical Institute is an institution of higher learning that is committed to offering quality undergraduate, graduate and continuing education locally, nationally and worldwide to students of diverse backgrounds, interests and abilities. The institution offers career-related educational programs that integrate lifelong learning with knowledge and skills to help students pursue their personal interests and objectives, develop intellectual, analytical and critical thinking abilities; and provide service to their communities. ITT Technical Institute is mobilizing an outreach effort to address the growing needs of

women in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). As an organization we support the local community we serve and partner with local organizations like Goodwill to champion their mission.

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