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RECRUITMENT IS OPEN TO FILL 3 SEATS ON THE SLO COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Seeking committed workforce champions with expertise, knowledge, and leadership skills to assist in moving our business community forward

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY –The San Luis Obispo County Workforce Development Board (The Board) is seeking to fill two business seats and one economic development seat (or a Chamber of Commerce Economic Developer). The Board is federally mandated and responsible for providing oversight and developing strategic policy for implementing the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) in SLO County. The Board, defined by WIOA, includes public and private sector representatives from local businesses, education, labor, government, and community-based organizations. Board members are appointed by the SLO County Board of Supervisors and in its capacity act as an advisory body to the SLO County Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Carl Dudley stated, “The Board is comprised of a diverse group of business professionals that bring knowledge of the County’s workforce needs.” Chairman Dudley who has served the Board since 2009 added, “These members are charged with finding the best value for training/retraining services and represent their sectors by making the Board as a whole aware of changing workforce needs. Members are informed of program offerings and changes in requirements so they may act as ambassadors in our County.”

The Board gives optimum policy making authority. Members serve as workforce champions who identify and manage workforce issues; act as the community’s accountability agent for the delivery of quality publicly funded workforce; stand as the convening agent for workforce issues for adults, laid-off workers, and youth; act as the community’s change agent for workforce issues; and are the community’s repository of data and information regarding the economy and workforce. Interested individuals should be able to speak affirmatively on behalf of the entity s/he represents and commit that entity to a course of action. Desired members will have the skills and practical knowledge to contribute fully to the strategic vision of the local area’s workforce system through their demonstrated experience and expertise.

The Board has 25 seats; the majority must be filled with representatives from the business community. For full details on Business or Economic Development seat qualifications, or for an application please visit the “Board” section of the Workforce Development website at: (<http://sloworkforce.com/board/>). Board meetings are the first Thursday every quarter (February, May, August and November) at 8:00am. Seats will be filled by June 30, 2016 The Business seat is a 4 year commitment and the Economic Development seat would be a 1 year commitment with option to renew.

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ABOUT SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT:

The Workforce Development Board formerly known as the Workforce Investment Board is a demand driven organization appointed by the County Board of Supervisors to implement the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act by leveraging community resources and being a catalyst for workforce development contributing to a healthy economy in San Luis Obispo County. Our vision is to meet the needs of employers and job seekers in SLO County. The Workforce Board is a proud partner of America’s Job Center of Californiasm. For more information, please go to www.SLOWorkforce.com



ATTACHMENT:

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According to WIOA Section 107(b)(2)(A), Business Member Seats hold the majority of the Board and shall be representatives of business in the Local Workforce Development Area (Local Area), who (i) are owners of businesses, chief executives or operating officers of businesses, or other business executives or employers with optimum policymaking or hiring authority; (ii) represent businesses, including small businesses, or organizations representing businesses described in this clause, that provide employment opportunities that, at a minimum, include high-quality, work-relevant training and development in in-demand industry sectors or occupations in the Local Area; and (iii) are appointed from among individuals nominated by local business organizations and business trade associations.

The seat in economic development or Chamber of Commerce Economic Developer is described under WIOA Section 107(b)(2)(D) – each Local Board shall include representatives of governmental and economic and community development entities serving the Local Area, who— (i) shall include a representative of economic and community development entities; (ii) shall include an appropriate representative from the State employment service office under the *Wagner-Peyser Act* (29 U.S.C. 49 et seq.) serving the Local Area; (iii) shall include an appropriate representative of the programs carried out under title I of the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973* (29 U.S.C. 720 et seq.), other than section 112 or part C of that title (29 U.S.C. 732, 741), serving the Local Area; (iv) may include representatives of agencies or entities administering programs serving the Local Area relating to transportation, housing, and public assistance; and (v) may include representatives of philanthropic organizations serving the Local Area.