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**PARIS PRECISION, LLC CLOSING NETWORKING EVENT INFORMATION**

*Additional call to action for businesses in North County who are hiring*

PASO ROBLES, CA – The San Luis Obispo County Rapid Response Team will be hosting a networking event on Monday, May 2, 2016 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm for the workers being displaced by the Paris Precision closure. The City of Paso Robles has donated the use of City Hall for this event. The community support and response from businesses interested in assisting the workers set to lose their jobs has been extensive. Inquires from competitors outside the county and as far away as City of Industry has also reached out in interest.

The networking event will be an opportunity for the long-term workers of Paris Precision to meet in-person local businesses who are hiring. This week the America's Job Center of California (AJCC) held two workshops on-site at Paris Precision to assist the workers in preparing for this event. The workshops included *basic resume prep* and *networking and interviewing*.

Businesses confirmed for attendance on Monday are TAD PGS, Inc. Adecco Government Solutions; Select Staffing; RTA; Borden Precision Products; JIT Companies Inc.; Zurn Industries; USA Staffing; Hogue; Express Staffing; Idler's; Rogall Painting; Founders Bank; and Meier-Glas Enterprises. Additional businesses that are hiring and will have job descriptions at the event but not in attendance are SAES Pure Gas; Joslyn Sunbank; H2O Engineering; and US Bank. At this time, many other businesses are pending confirmation for the event. Additionally, representatives for local resources from the Department of Social Services will be available as will Kip Meredith of Meredith Insurance Center to answer any questions about health care options. Kennedy Club Fitness of Paso Robles will be in attendance and has offered each of the employees that will be losing their job a 2 month free membership, including 3 one hour sessions with a trainer, as well as 30 hours of kids club services to use while they workout.

The Rapid Response Team is a cooperative between the Local Workforce Development Board Rapid Response Coordinator, America's Job Center of California (AJCC), and the Employment Development Department (EDD) to assist employers and workers during a mass layoff or plant closure. The Rapid Response Team supports workers who will be losing their jobs from this or any business closure or layoff. On April 14, 2016 the Rapid Response Team along with Kip Meredith of Meredith Insurance Center held 3 Orientations to 96 employees at Paris Precision ([see prior press release for details on Rapid Response Orientations](#)). One Orientation was exclusively in Spanish (approx 40 attended) and also included Maria Elena Insurance to disseminate information about Health Care options. All 130 employees will be terminated effective May 22, 2016.

The primary purpose of Rapid Response is to enable affected workers to return to work as quickly as possible following a layoff, or to prevent layoffs altogether. A list of affected occupations is available at the Workforce Development website. The affected workforce has voiced its desire to retain employment in North County. If there are any North County businesses interested in assisting with re-employment of the affected employees and interested in attending Mondays event may confirm with me (contact information above) or may inquire through [www.sloworkforce.com](http://www.sloworkforce.com).

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