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**Workforce Investment Board of San Bernardino County
utilizes stimulus funds for adult employment training**

Training prepares approximately 200 county residents for in-demand jobs

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., (July 29, 2009)—The Workforce Investment Board of San Bernardino County is partnering with Colton-Redlands-Yucaipa Regional Occupational Program to train about 200 county residents for the county’s in-demand jobs.

The training is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act administered by the Workforce Investment Board of San Bernardino County, with no cost to qualified participants.

Courses in bookkeeping, child care, insurance billing, welding, nursing assistant, medical assistant, and dental front office recently started, and a course in customer service is slated to begin in August.

Graduates of these courses will have the entry-level skills needed to apply for jobs in each field. Colton-Redlands-Yucaipa Regional Occupational Program targets courses toward direct employment opportunities in San Bernardino County and approximately 90 percent of its graduates are placed in jobs, the military or continue their education.

“We are very pleased to support an excellent training program that is geared toward training people for jobs that are available now,” said Sandy Harmsen, executive director of the Workforce Investment Board. “In this challenging job market, it is crucial we target education to hiring fields and assist our residents in identifying and securing available employment in the region.”

Individuals interested in more information should contact the Workforce Investment Board of San Bernardino County at 800.451.JOBS.

About the Workforce Investment Board of San Bernardino County

The Workforce Investment Board of San Bernardino County is comprised of private business representatives and public partners appointed by the County Board of Supervisors. It strives to create a strong, vibrant economy by developing the county’s workforce through partnerships with business, education and community-based organizations.

The Workforce Investment Board, through the county’s Economic Development Agency and Workforce Development Department, operates the county’s Employment Resource Centers and Business Resource Centers. The Employment Resource Centers provide individuals with job training, placement and the tools to strengthen their skills to achieve a higher quality of life, and the Business Resource Centers support and provide services to the county’s businesses including employee recruitment.

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