



News for the week of Jan. 4, 2016

CITY AND L.A. VALLEY COLLEGE PROVIDE JOB SEEKERS WITH 21ST CENTURY SKILLS

The first of several six-week-long trainings in biotechnology and advanced manufacturing begin this month at Los Angeles Valley College, thanks to a \$1.2 million Sector Partnership National Emergency Grant. The NEG grant was secured by the State of California's Employment Development Department. The courses prepare long-term unemployed individuals and veterans for jobs in biotechnology/bioscience and manufacturing, two growing and lucrative industries in the greater Los Angeles region. About 180 job seekers recruited by the EWDD-administered Wilshire Metro and South Los Angeles WorkSource centers are expected to take part in the program, which runs through March 30, 2017. Graduates receive certificates that help them land well-paying jobs with room for advancement. LAVC instructor Roberto Gutierrez said students in the manufacturing sessions will learn about workplace safety, how to read mechanical blueprints and how to operate computerized mill and lathing equipment. Ninety percent of graduates find jobs, often in the aerospace industry, he said.



Starbucks Hiring Event: EWDD managers met Jan. 6 with YouthSource Center directors and Meghann Glavin, program manager for global coffee giant Starbucks, to plan an upcoming Opportunity Job Fair for youth 16 to 24 in Los Angeles. The daylong fair will be held Feb. 11 at the Los Angeles Convention Center with a goal of 5,000 young people in attendance. At an Oct. 30 Opportunity Fair in Phoenix, more than 1,700 young people participated, engaging in resume-writing, interviews and coaching. More than 500 immediate job offers were extended by the 25 partner companies in attendance. EWDD managers are actively participating in the ongoing weekly meetings to discuss progress and logistics for the event.

Metrics:

- JobsLA.org averaged 290 daily users during the end-of-year holiday week, 30% of them new users.
- WorkSource Centers enrolled 638 participants during limited hours of operation.

Logistics training in spotlight: KPCC's labor reporter Brian Watt filed a nice story about the burgeoning logistics industry in the Los Angeles metro area and efforts to meet worker demand. To listen to the story, [click here](#). Wilshire-Metro WorkSource Center, an EWDD partner, has enrolled 33 participants for the same logistics training courses.

"Updates" is produced by Catherine Saillant in EWDD's communications department. If you have questions, comments or wish to contribute to an upcoming "Updates," please contact Saillant at 213-744-9048 or at Catherine.Saillant@lacity.org.