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Congressman David Dreier, 26th District, seeks to assist with local job creation efforts

Road to Employment Job Fair scheduled for April 8 in Rancho Cucamonga

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. (March 10, 2009) –On February 25, Congressman David Dreier, 26th District, met with San Bernardino County’s local government officials handling workforce development to address the county’s job market and challenges to business. He gathered information to aid in planning his annual Road to Employment Job Fair, which will be held on April 8 in Rancho Cucamonga.

Reaching out to see how he and other members of Congress can help with economic recovery efforts, Congressman Dreier was specifically interested in meeting with those in his district and the director of the county’s Workforce Investment Board.

“With so many southern Californians looking for work, this year’s job fair is even more important than in years past. Working with local workforce development leaders is critical, as they are the best source of information about what is happening at the street-level and can advise us of how the federal government can help,” Dreier said. “I appreciate the work of local officials who are working so hard to help our fellow citizens in their time of need, and look forward to a successful job fair in April.”

During the meeting, Congressman Dreier and local officials discussed the effects of the economy on local residents and businesses, including business closures, personal loss and delayed development. They talked about the steps the county Workforce Investment Board is taking to help businesses survive these economic conditions, as well as federal efforts to do the same. The Workforce Investment Board noted services it provides including job seeker services offered in the Employment Resource Centers, its Business Survival Workshops to help businesses around the county, and the WIN system, an online database with several thousand job openings in the county.

“We are grateful for the partnership of Congressman Dreier and the resources he brings to our county. We are encouraged that he would take the time to hear about our efforts,” said Sandy Harmsen, executive director of the San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board. “We asked the Congressman to help engage employers to attend the upcoming job fair and bring job opportunities to our county that will build hope among job seekers. The Congressman agreed to urge employers to attend the event.”

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The Congressman's annual Road to Employment Job Fair will be held Wednesday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Recruitment of interested employers offering full and part-time positions is underway.

Organizations signed up to attend the event so far include U.S. Border Patrol, with 2,500 full-time positions available; Los Angeles County Police Department with 100 full-time positions available; Four Points by Sheraton with 40 positions in Rancho Cucamonga; and Aardvark Tactical, a manufacturer of law enforcement equipment, which has a number of full and part-time positions available.

This year's Road to Employment will include a series of resource tables to connect attendees with a range of training programs offered in the county. The event will also offer free seminars and workshops designed to assist individuals with improving their job search skills.

Congressman Dreier's Road to Employment Job Fair will be held at Central Park, Goldy Lewis Community Center at 11200 Baseline Road in Rancho Cucamonga. The event is also hosted by the County of San Bernardino Department of Workforce Development, County of San Bernardino Workforce Investment Board, State of California Employment Development Department and the City of Rancho Cucamonga.

Interested attendees or businesses may contact Congressman David Dreier's San Dimas office at (909) 575-6226.

About the San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board

The San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board 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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