

# INFORMATION NOTICE

## WORKFORCE SERVICES

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: BUILDING WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIPS 2012

This Information Notice announces the 2012 Building Workforce Partnerships event – **Unemployed in America: Causes, Consequences, and Solutions**. The event takes place March 14-15 at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel in Los Angeles. Please see details at [www.wed-works.org/](http://www.wed-works.org/).

Sponsored by the California Labor Federation's Workforce and Economic Development Program (WED), Building Workforce Partnerships is an annual collaboration of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, California Employment Development Department, Employment Training Panel, AFL-CIO Working for America Institute, and The California Regional Rapid Response Roundtables.

**Special trainings take place Tuesday, March 13 for Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Labor Representatives and Rapid Response practitioners.**

**The Early Bird Rate of \$295 Ends Wednesday, February 1st, 2012. The regular rate is \$395.**

**Please encourage your WIB members, and Rapid Response staff to attend. All costs associated with attending can be covered through your local Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Rapid Response allocations.**

### Conference Overview

America's working people are still experiencing the profound impacts of the Great Recession. Officially, over 13 million workers are unemployed, 11 percent of whom have been out of work for two years or longer. The numbers are much higher when including the under-employed and discouraged. To get back to pre-recession employment levels, we must move at least 7 million unemployed people to full time work. Policy makers at all levels are struggling to find solutions to this jobs crisis.

This intensive training event will focus on the macroeconomics of our current economy and the elements of policies, programs, and strategies that proactively and effectively address the worst employment crisis since the Great Depression. The content will challenge participants to think creatively, or rethink, the roles of community advocates, labor, the private sector, and government.

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A key speaker will be the new California Workforce Investment Board Executive Director, Tim Rainey.

This year we are proud to partner with the BlueGreen Alliance, a national coalition of environmental groups and unions dedicated to creating a sustainable climate future for our country and the planet through clean products and jobs.

If you register for the WED Building Workforce Partnerships, you have the option to attend the entire BlueGreen Alliance's GOOD JOBS, GREEN JOBS WEST Conference at NO EXTRA CHARGE.

Building Workforce Partnerships draws a diverse group of advocates and practitioners. Participants represent business, organized labor, environmental, and community advocates, workforce boards, community colleges, local economic development, state and local government, and other partners.

**Register Online at: [www.wed-works.org](http://www.wed-works.org) or call 1-888-627-8520**

**Reserve Your Accommodations:**

Conference rate: \$169 single or double  
Westin Bonaventure Hotel and Suites  
404 South Figueroa Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Hotel Deadline: February 29th or when rooms are gone.  
\* Ask for the group rate for the California Labor Federation

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