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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **“Community Leaders Gather to Finalize Details of the Second Annual Lompoc Job and Resource Fair”**

Community leaders and representatives from various local government agencies and private organizations gathered this week to finalize the details of the Second Annual Job and Resource Fair for the City of Lompoc. The event will take place Thursday, May 1, 2014 at the Lompoc Veterans Memorial Building from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The event is open to job seekers of all ages, with a special focus on local youth.

The event has received a lot of support from the local community. Ken Ostini, President and CEO of the Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce commented: “This is another opportunity for employers and job-seekers, from the Lompoc Valley to Buellton, to connect and provide support. Summer will soon be upon us and many of our youth will be looking for jobs.” He added: “So, as our business community continues to grow, this is a great time to bring all of the community together, provide job seeker training and meet with perspective employers.”

The latest figures released by the Employment Development Department put Lompoc at 12.7 percent unemployment with almost 2,600 people out of a job.

The organizations sponsoring the event include: The County of Santa Barbara Workforce Investment Board, Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Employment Development Department, Allan Hancock College, City of Lompoc, Goodwill Industries, Excel Personnel Services and various local government agencies, and private organizations.

Job fair preparation workshops, for job seekers, have been scheduled to take place at the Goodwill Workforce Services office, 1009 N H Street, Suite B in Lompoc. The dates for the trainings are April 16, 2014 to April 17, 2014 or April 23, 2014 to April 24, 2014, all from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This training is free and is for people interested in learning how to create a résumé and how to interview. To register for the workshops, please contact: Vanessa Maycotte at 805-736-6700 (space is limited).

**Local employers and resource agencies are invited to have a table at the event. To register, please contact:** Luis Servin at the Workforce Investment Board at (805) 681-4643 or Jennifer Merchant at the Employment Development Department at 805-568-1382.

**ABOUT THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD OF Santa Barbara COUNTY**

The Workforce Investment Board, [www.SantaBarbaraCountyWIB.org](http://www.SantaBarbaraCountyWIB.org), is dedicated to serving the workforce needs of businesses, adults, laid-off workers and youth throughout Santa Barbara County. The WIB is a public/private partnership created by the Federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and is staffed by the County of Santa Barbara.

Job seekers and employers can take advantage of free services at two Workforce Resource Centers (“One-Stops”) to help find work or new employees. Programs include employment services for job seekers, the latest labor market information and regional workforce research for businesses, as well as training that specialize in helping people gain the skills and confidence necessary to find and obtain a job. The One-Stop Shops are at 1410 S. Broadway in Santa Maria, (805) 614-1550, and 130 E. Ortega Street in Santa Barbara, (805) 568-1296. Online information is available at [www.workforceresource.com](http://www.workforceresource.com).