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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: BUILDING WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIPS CONFERENCE

This information notice announces the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO, Workforce and Economic Development Program's 2008 "Building Workforce Partnerships" conference set for June 11–13, 2008, at the Sheraton Gateway LAX Hotel in Los Angeles, California.

Each year, the "Building Workforce Partnerships" conference brings together a diverse group of people who care about good jobs, a strong California economy and ensuring economic opportunity for workers. "Building Workforce Partnerships" is ultimately about partnerships – no one union, organization, or entity can alone address the challenges facing working families or the workforce needs of industries. The event provides a unique forum for union leaders, labor program operators, academics, local and State Workforce Investment Board (WIB) members and staff, community based organizations, Rapid Response teams, and employers to network, learn from each other and share successful models and practices. The content challenges participants to rethink the roles of community organizations, government, labor and the private sector in leveraging workforce and economic development to strengthen key industries, save good jobs and build communities.

The theme of this year's conference is "Adapting to Change." The focus is exploring the convergence of climate change policy, the transition to a green economy, and growing economic insecurity. The three workshop tracks are: (1) **Green Policy, Green Jobs, & Economic Transformation**; (2) **Layoff Aversion & Rapid Response**; and (3) **The EDGE Campaign** which explores the intersection of innovative policy and effective practice through collaboration among key workforce system components.

The Rapid Response Roundtables (the community of rapid response coordinators and practitioners around the state) will hold their annual statewide meeting in conjunction with the event. Additionally, the Federation's Workforce and Economic Development Program will host a special training for new and existing WIB labor representatives the morning of the event opening.

EDD is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Special requests for services, aids, and/or special formats need to be made by calling (916) 654-8055 (Voice). TTY users, please call the California Relay Service at 711.

Information and online registration can be found at www.wed-works.org. Conference and hotel space is limited, so please register soon. Hotel rooms must be secured before May 19, 2008. If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Baughman at (510) 663-4087 or e-mail ebaughman@calaborfed.org.

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