

P.O.W.E.R. Collaborative Network (**PCN**)

Meeting Summary

April 9, 2007

The LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (LAUSD) hosted and conducted an outstanding network meeting for the month of April 2007. The P.O.W.E.R. Collaborative Network (**PCN**) members appreciate learning about the vast opportunities with LAUSD employment and training resources. The **PCN** especially wishes to thank **Robert Hamm**, **Michael Richardson**, and **Phyllis Lott** for coordinating the facilities at Glenn Hammond Curtiss Middle School in Carson CA.

**Ron Marmalefsky**, LAUSD Chief Human Resources Specialist shared a number of school-based entry-level positions with LAUSD. **Mr. Marmalefsky** encouraged everyone to visit the district's web site at [www.lausd.org](http://www.lausd.org). A high school degree or equivalent is the basic starting requirement for many of LAUSD's positions. There are a variety of positions including office clerical (part-time), senior office technicians, filing and formatting documents.

**Lori Sanchez** from LAUSD's small business group shared the district's commitment to encourage and utilize local business enterprises on building school sites. By the year 2112, the LAUSD will invest \$20 billion dollars on new construction projects. For more information, **Ms. Sanchez** encouraged member to visit [www.laschools.org](http://www.laschools.org), or [www.lausd.net](http://www.lausd.net) to receive details on construction projects. Local hiring is encouraged for each contractor selected for LAUSD building engagements.

**Michael Richardson** re-introduced the "We Build" Program that provides local district residents with an opportunity to enroll in a comprehensive, ten-week pre-apprenticeship training program offered at LAUSD division of Adult & Career Education Occupational/Skills Centers. For more information on the "We Build" program **Mr. Richardson** asked members to visit [www.laschools.org/contractors/webuild](http://www.laschools.org/contractors/webuild). The training locations include Abran Friedman Occupational Center, East LA Occupational, Eat LA Skills Center, Harbor Occupational Center, Waters Employment Center, North Valley Occupational, and West Valley Occupational Center.

**Dr. Mohammed Shaheen**, Senior Food Services Supervisor and **Elizabeth Gibson** gave an overview on the Food Services Branch Business Services Division related job opportunities. The Food Services Branch employees are dedicated to providing nutritious and tasty meals to LAUSD students. The jobs include cafeteria helpers, managers, nutrition specialists, executive chef's equipment specialists, & truck drivers. The district offers generous benefits for employees with competitive salaries, professional development classes, and tuition reimbursement opportunities. To learn more visit the district's web site at [www.cafe-la.org](http://www.cafe-la.org)

**Robert Hamm** described the Building & Grounds Worker (Custodian) positions available with LAUSD which start at \$11.76 per hour for evening shifts. Both 4 and 8-hour positions are available, with full benefits. Candidates must either have one year of documented employment as a paid custodian, or they must complete a training course prior to employment. Training is available through various adult schools (takes approximately 2 ½ months on part-time basis) or through a "fast track" program (full-time, 2 weeks). Candidates may contact a participating Adult School directly to enroll in their program. Candidates interested in the "fast track" training may register by telephone at (888) 562-3003.

Day-shift School Facilities Attendant (SFA) positions starting at \$9.95 per hour are also available. SFA's conduct spot cleaning, graffiti removal, empty trash, & stock paper & soap supplies in restrooms at secondary schools throughout the school day. SFA candidates may contact the LAUSD employment offices: Classified Recruitment Branch, 1543 Shatto St., L. A. 90017, 213-353-4200; Mid-Cities Classified Employment, 944 W. 77th St., L. A. 90044, 323-753-3321; or Valley Classified Employment, 6505 Zelzah Ave., Reseda 91335, (818)997-2533. Background checks are required for both of these employee classifications.

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The next **PCN** meeting is **Monday, May 14, 2007**, HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, Jordan Down WorkSource Satellite Center, 2101 E. 101st Street, L.A., CA 90002. Our host is **Pamela Paige**, Business Service Representative/Job Developer, (323) 249-7751.

**PCN Meeting Attendees for April 2007**

Carolyn Christian Hines, Soledad Enrichment Action (SEA) Charter School  
Cecile Harris Walters, City of Long Beach - Workforce Development Bureau  
Coledras Wilson, Easter Seals

**Dean Jones, Southland Partnership Corporation**

Deon Bell, Boy Scouts of America  
Elizabeth Gibson, LAUSD  
Elizabeth Russell, Los Angeles Job Corps  
Enton Blake, Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC)  
Gloria Zuurveen, PACE News  
James Jones, Gangsters for Christ  
Jeannie Sherafatian, LA County Dept. Social Services GROW Program  
Jennifer Frank, Mentors International  
Jerome Murdock, People Assisting the Homeless  
Jesus Bastidas, Los Angeles Technology Center  
John Janda, The Workplace  
Jorge Orozco, Para Los Ninos  
Joseph Rouzan, Wings of Refuge  
LaVonté Jackson, Goodwill Serving the People of Southern L.A. County

**Lori Sanchez, Los Angeles Unified School District**

Lynette Johnson, Los Angeles CDC

**Michael Richardson, Los Angeles Unified School District -- 'We Build'**

Mindy Owes, RAFT, Inc.

**Mohammed Shaheen, Los Angeles Unified School District**

Noemi Soto, Los Angeles CAUSA Youth Build  
Norma Arellanes, Los Angeles Office of Education (LACOE)  
Phyllis Lott, Los Angeles Unified School District

**Robert Hamm, Los Angeles Unified School District**

**Ron Marmalefsky, Los Angeles Unified School District**

Shirley Lockridge, Los Angeles Southwest College  
Susan Tenner, Abram Freidman Occupational Center  
Tab Ndipagbor, LA County Dept. of Social Services – GAIN Region I  
Tiffany Hooker, Los Angeles Southwest College  
Tyrone Horn, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department  
Victoria Westerskov, SCROC  
Wally Aquilar, State of CA – ETP  
Wendy Calaycay, WIN Worksource Center  
Yvonne D'Ambra, South Bay Workforce Investment Board

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*PCN started in January 2001, focused on job coordination for community residents, assisting them with public & private sector work placement. The **PCN** members are community builders serving to identify, nurture, & mobilize local assets by enhanced networking to rejuvenate economies, strengthen business investments, & ultimately build up civil society. The **PCN** meets monthly sharing job recruitment, funding, training, workforce projects, & other related topics at various member locations.*