



The Workforce Investment System – A Critical Tool for America’s Economic Recovery

San Luis Obispo County

The nation’s Workforce Investment Act (WIA) programs have played a vitally important role in helping America’s workers find new jobs or get the training they need to make career changes in a very tough economy.

Attached is a comparison summary of the San Luis Obispo LWIA’s latest workforce performance results for the twelve month periods ending June 30, 2008 and June 30, 2010 (the most recent period for which DOL has provided data). The unemployment rate during this period rose from 7.5% in June 2008 to 10.5% in June 2010. **The latest data shows a 160% increase in WIA participation rates over the past two years.**

| Enrollments | 2007/2008 – workers served | 2009/2010 – workers served | Increase (decrease) |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| WIA programs total | 107 | 193 | 80% Increase |
| WIA – Adults | 23 | 59 | 156% Increase |
| WIA – Dislocated Workers | 24 | 55 | 129% Increase |
| WIA – Youth | 60 | 79 | 32% Increase |

| | WIA Entered Employment Rate | | WIA Retention Rate | | Education Attainment | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------|--------------------|-------|----------------------|-------|
| | 2008 | 2010 | 2008 | 2010 | 2008 | 2010 |
| WIA – Adult | % | 71.4 | % | 88.9% | | |
| WIA – Dislocated Worker | % | % | % | 88.9% | | |
| WIA – Youth (14-21) | % | 55% | | | % | 62.9% |

* WIA – youth percent reflects both entries into employment or to further education