

News for the Week of April 23, 2018

**I GOT THE JOB! – EWDD YOUTH HIRELAX GRADUATE SPONSORED TO JOIN UNION**



*Youth Opportunity Movement Watts YouthSource participant and HireLAX graduate Brian Phillips is in an apprenticeship boot camp to become a laborer.*

Brian Phillips, a City of Los Angeles Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) YouthSource Center participant who recently graduated from the HireLAX Apprenticeship Readiness Program, has received a hiring commitment from contractor Myers and Sons. Brian is currently enrolled in the Laborers Local 300 apprenticeship boot camp. If all goes well, Brian will begin his construction career next week as a laborer on the Los Angeles World Airports Utilities and Landside Access Modernization Program Enabling Project (LULEP), said Dan Sloan, Director of Labor Relations for the Project Labor Agreement (PLA) Administration at Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA). “It’s a shining example of the LAWA/HireLAX and City of LA partnership working together to produce positive outcomes for residents of the LAX community,” Dan said in an email to EWDD. The HireLAX

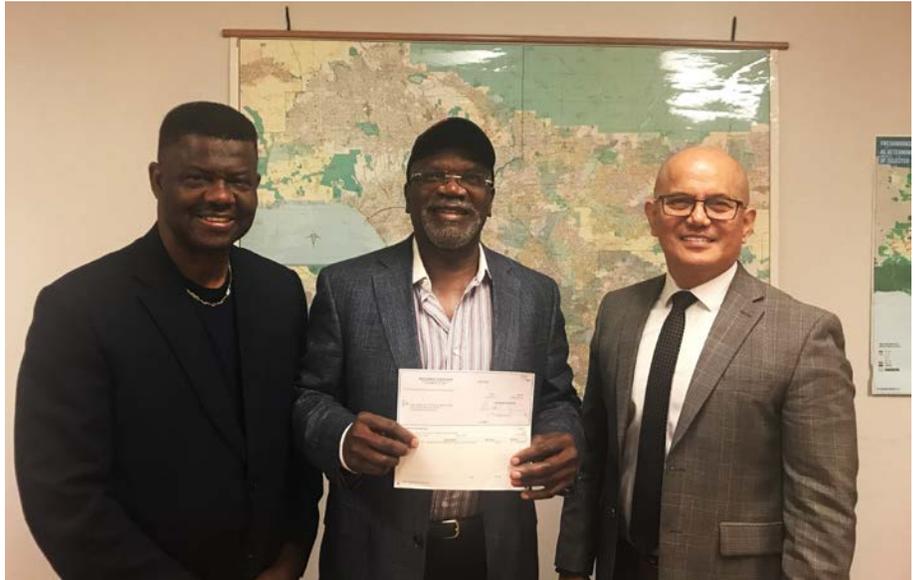
program prepares local residents for careers in construction and the opportunity to work on projects related to LAX’s \$14 billion capital improvement program to reduce congestion at the airport. Brian, 18, grew up in Watts and is a participant at the Youth Opportunity Movement (YOM) Watts YouthSource Center. During the two-month HireLAX training, Brian said he enjoyed the variety of tasks performed by laborers and sheet metal workers. EWDD’s YouthSource and WorkSource centers assist HireLAX participants by covering union dues, transportation costs, tools or work boots. Brian said he appreciated the assistance he received from the YouthSource center and HireLAX, adding that prospective candidates will be able to access resources to succeed in the program. “There’s different people there to help,” he said.

## EWDD FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION ATTENDS US DOL FISCAL TRAINING

Members of EWDD's Financial Management Division (FMD) and a City of LA Workforce Development Board (WDB) staff recently attended training on federal grant regulations and requirements to ensure that EWDD and our service providers remain accountable for how dollars are spent and are in compliance with all requirements. The 35th Annual National Association of Job Training Assistance (NAJA) Conference was held earlier this month in Downtown LA and has historically served as a good source of materials for the fiscal training FMD holds every year for staff and service providers. NAJA is a non-profit dedicated to providing fiscal and program technical assistance to state and local governments and service providers on grant regulations for workforce and job training grants funded by the US Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration. This year's training had various fiscal and program tracks related to the Uniform Guidance and WIOA Administrative Requirement, valuable training for EWDD, which serves as grant administrator for several grants, including funds from the U.S. Department of Labor along with other agencies. Training was funded by the department's Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) formula and \$2,000 from the Southeast Los Angeles County (SELACO) Workforce Development Board's WIOA Regional Planning and Training Coordination Grant funds.

## MID CITY BSC ASSISTS GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER WITH \$250,000 SBA LOAN

The Mid City BusinessSource Center recently assisted Dr. Dotun Oyenuga in securing a \$250,000 Small Business Administration loan that will enable his engineering firm to hire 20 employees, create a new location and fulfill a contract for Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro). Dr. Oyenuga started Dotun Oyenuga DBA Analysis & Solutions Consultants in 2007 and he is an industry expert in geotechnical engineering. Mid City BSC loan counselor Redy Babasa-Thompson has provided Dr. Oyenuga business and credit counseling since they met at a Metro networking event in October 2017.



*Dr. Dotun Oyenuga (center) proudly holds a check toward a \$250,000 SBA loan that will allow his firm to fulfill a contract to with Metro.*

## VERNON-CENTRAL/LATTC WSC HOSTS DISCUSSION WITH AFRICAN DELEGATION



*A delegation from African recently visited the Vernon-Central/LATTC WorkSource Center to discuss best practices on serving disconnected youth and delivering workforce services.*

those faced by EWDD's YouthSource and WorkSource Centers participants, said staff from EWDD partner Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCDD). The sharing of ideas and experience was beneficial to all, staff said.

On Friday, April 13, 2018, the Vernon-Central Los Angeles Technical Trade College WorkSource Center (WSC) hosted a roundtable meeting with a delegation from Africa for a comprehensive discussion on workforce development systems and how to reach disconnected youth. The delegation was also interested in how to best serve youth who are no longer in school and those involved in the justice system. During the discussion, it became apparent that the unemployment and education problems in Africa are very similar to

**BUSINESS METRICS:**

<b>LABSCs Reporting:</b>	North Valley, West Valley, South Valley, South LA, East LA, Mid City, Central West, Hollywood and Harbor
Pre-Startups Enrolled	28
Pre-Startups Assisted	21
Start-ups/Operating Businesses Enrolled	20
Start-ups/Operating Businesses Assisted	33
Workshops: Number of Clients Attended	50

**WORKFORCE METRICS:**

*(arrows indicate weekly trend)*

**JobsLA (online and mobile)**



87,630  
Page Views

7%



31.6 %  
New Visitors

1.1%



4,758  
New Sessions

9.9%



519  
Registrations

11%

**WorkSource Centers**



1,672  
Enrollments

10%

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