**Regional Workforce Alliance Q3 Meeting**

November 16, 2022

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**Partners in Attendance:**

* Maritza Dubie, Department of Economic Opportunity; Executive Director, County of Los Angeles Workforce Development Board
* Wai-Ling Chin, Business Counselor Manger, PACE
* Caroline Torosis, Senior Deputy Workforce Development & Economic Deputy for Supervisor Holly Mitchell
* Jayme Wilson, Economic Development Deputy for Supervisor Janice Hahn
* Ben Stapleton, Executive Director, USGBC-LA
* Dr. Wade Martin, Professor of Economics, Cal State University Long Beach
* Angela Gibson, President, Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce (GLAAACC)
* Julian Canete, President, California Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (CHCC)
* Gary Johnson, Sr. Energy Programs Advisor, SoCalGas

**Staff in attendance:**

* Minh Le, General Manager, Energy and Environmental Services, LA County, ISD
* Lujuana Medina, Environmental Initiatives Manager, SoCalREN
* Wendy Angel, Southern CA Regional Director, Emerald Cities Collaborative
* Shanette Anderson, Southern CA Senior Program Manager, Emerald Cities Collaborative
* Joseph Warner, Program Coordinator, Emerald Cities Collaborative
* Ann D’Amato, President, 3D Networks
* Vivian Soto, Outreach Coordinator, 3D Networks

**Meeting Minutes**

1. **Welcome**
   1. Minh Le, General Manager, Energy and Environmental Services, LA County, ISD
      1. Outlined overarching goals of the Regional Workforce Alliance (RWA)
   2. Lujuana Medina, Environmental Initiatives Manager, SoCalREN
      1. Noted that there will be many upcoming funding opportunities
2. **Introduction**
   1. Wendy Angel, Southern CA Regional Director, Emerald Cities Collaborative
      1. Provided an overview of the agenda
      2. Facilitated partner introductions
      3. Reviewed the mission statement and goals of the RWA
3. **Partner Updates**
   1. Maritza Dubie, Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), County of Los Angeles
      1. Reviewed the new DEO Department structure
         1. Workforce Development and Economic Development
      2. Discussed Supervisor Hilda Solis' goal to align the Office of Small Business Economic Development and Workforce Development
      3. Provided an overview of DEO resources and grant opportunities
      4. Explained the available County-wide services
         1. Funds are used to support job training and drive the local economy
      5. Introduced the DEO Community Area Plan
         1. DEO is collecting feedback to better serve the community
            1. Quality jobs
            2. Career paths
            3. Family sustaining wage
   2. Ben Stapleton, Executive Director, USGBC-LA
      1. Explained the utilization of the Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF)
         1. Green Building Core
            1. 15 -20 new unemployed individuals every six months
   3. Caroline Torosis, Senior Deputy Workforce Development & Economic Deputy for Supervisor Holly Mitchell
      1. Highlighted the County’s goal to issue stipends to promote training programs
   4. Wendy Angel, Southern California Regional Director, Emerald Cities Collaborative
      1. Commented on the ACES program’s utilization of DEO funding
      2. ECC received stipends through the private sector
   5. Wai-Ling Ching, Business Counselor Manager, Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment (PACE)
      1. Overview of PACE’s mission and program resources
         1. Business Development Center
         2. Education
         3. Energy Savings and Education
         4. Housing
         5. Employment services to help job seekers and employers
   6. Minh Le, General Manager, Energy and Environmental Services, LA County, ISD
      1. Shared that DOE is accepting applications for New Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Program
4. **Future Green Leaders Youth Summit**
   1. Lujuana Medina, Environmental Initiatives Manager, SoCalREN
      1. Shared that the goal of the Summit is to inspire 7th & 8th graders to pursue careers in the green sector. Would like for our partners to join and inspire future green leaders
   2. Shanette Anderson, Senior Program Manager, Emerald Cities Collaborative
      1. Outlined the event goals:
         1. To introduce and expose students to opportunities in sustainability and energy efficiency by hosting a day of activities and speakers
         2. To offer activities and offerings including a resource fair, an energy playground, a women in energy panel, and hands-on workshops
5. **E-Contractor Program Update**
   1. Wendy Angel, Southern California Regional Director, Emerald Cities Collaborative
      1. Reviewed the workshop timeline and program enhancements
6. **Closing Remarks**

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