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### South Valley Worksource Center to Host Veteran Employment Program Orientation & Networking Breakfast

PALMDALE – - The South Valley WorkSource Center (SVWSC), located at 38510 Sierra Highway, in Palmdale, will host a Veteran Employment Program Orientation & Networking Breakfast, Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 10 am.

The program is free and open to all veterans. Buffet breakfast will be served. The SVWSC veteran's team will be on hand to provide information on the services available through the veteran's program.

Participants should bring a valid CA driver's license or identification card and proof of residency (utility bill or letter from housing/shelter); original Social Security card, permanent resident card or work authorization card; lay-off letter if recently laid off; copy of EDD unemployment benefits; legible copy of DD-214; proof of selective service registration (for males born on or after Jan. 1, 1960; proof of last 6 moth household income; personal resume and CALJobs resume. (Participants must be register with CALJobs to meet eligibility requirements.

For more information, please contact Carole Evans at 661/265-7421 or Kari Blackburn at 661/267-5125.

The South Valley WorkSource Center (SVWSC) brings job seekers and employers together for no-cost placement and recruitment services and offers a host of vital workforce development programs and services to the community. Job seekers receive career counseling, assistance securing interviews and employment opportunities, and access to workshops, skills training, computers and job search tools. Businesses receive specialized screening and recruitment services. The center

functions to reduce unemployment and positively impact the community through the power of work.

The no-cost services offered at the SVWSC are provided through the Federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) and the City of Palmdale. The WIA provides the framework for a national workforce preparation and employment system. Programs authorized by WIA are provided at the local level to individuals in need of those services, including job seekers, dislocated workers, youth, incumbent workers, veterans, new entrants to the workforce, persons with disabilities and employers.

The City of Palmdale has contracted with Goodwill Southern California (GSC) as the operating agency for the South Valley WorkSource Center.

### **About Goodwill Southern California**

Transforming lives through the power of work, we serve people with disabilities or other vocational challenges, as well as businesses, by providing education, training, work experience and job placement services. Each year, GSC prepares and places thousands of individuals with disabilities and vocational disadvantages into sustainable employment through programs and services offered at three campuses, seven Career Resource Centers, three WorkSource Center, seven Youth Programs and a two Veteran Employment Programs throughout Los Angeles (north of Rosecrans Ave.), Riverside and San Bernardino counties. GSC supports its mission of “Transforming lives through the Power of Work” with proceeds generated from 76 retail stores and 44 attended donation centers. Charity Navigator, an independent charity evaluator has awarded GSC its highest four-star ranking for 12 consecutive years; largely due to the fact GSC spends 94 percent of its budget on programs and services. Committed to caring for the earth, last year GSC diverted 67.4 million pounds of reusable or recyclable goods from landfills. Goodwill is Good for Everyone!

For more information about Goodwill Southern California, please call 888/4-GOODWILL or visit [www.GoodwillSoCal.org](http://www.GoodwillSoCal.org) For more information about SVWSC, call 661/265-7421 or visit our Web site at <http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/business/svwc>.

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