



To: Board of Supervisors
From: Birgitta Corsello, County Administrator
Date: December 15, 2014
Subject: Significant Issues Update

1) County Administrator's Update on Contracts

The County Administrator did not sign any contracts of significance since the last Significant Issues Update on December 1, 2014.

2) Workforce Investment Board Occupational Outlook Report Now Available

The Workforce Investment Board (WIB) of Solano County announces that the Occupational ***Outlook Report – North Bay Counties 2014*** is now available. The report was developed and produced by Jim Cassio & Associates on behalf of the North Bay Employment Connection and its member Workforce Investment Boards, which include Solano, Marin, Napa-Lake and Sonoma.

The report profiles the top 50 middle-skill occupations in the region and is intended to be used as a job search, career exploration, and labor market research tool. The report appendix also includes: a Career Pathway Index to the occupation profiles; an article on the wine industry and its career pathways; and results from a 2014 workforce needs assessment conducted with some of the region's key employers.

The occupations profiled in this report were selected as part of a 4-step process:

1. They reflect jobs within high demand industries as identified/defined by the region's Workforce Investment Boards;
2. They reflect jobs that are growing and/or have significant worker replacement needs;
3. They reflect jobs that a survey of employers identified as having a "significant difficulty finding qualified applicants";
4. They reflect "middle skill" jobs that require at least some postsecondary education, training or experience, but do not typically require a bachelor's degree (or higher).

A second report entitled ***Industry & Occupational Employment Projections*** is also available, as a supplement to this *Occupational Outlook Report*. The supplementary report includes nearly 300 pages of comprehensive industry and occupational employment projections.

These reports are designed to be electronic reports with hyperlinks throughout, including links to O*NET Reports for comprehensive information on important knowledge, skills and abilities, and for exploring related occupations. Both reports may be downloaded from the WIB's website: www.solanowib.org, click on "News and Events": Press Releases.

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