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Comments	<p>These contracts have driven me crazy for 17 years. The Foothill WDB contracts with South Bay for training services (for large amounts of money) with not much training received. The South Bay is 30 miles away, their contractors scattered throughout LA County, difficult to access for transit dependent persons in the Foothill WDB service area.</p>

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It would make much more sense to spend the money locally through Pasadena City College, the Pasadena Small Business Development Center and Citrus College and keep both the funds in our communities and the training easily accessible.

I fully expect this will pass, but would ask that you have your outside auditing firm go through the expenditures of the WDB for the past year and determine how much money was spent, where it was spent and how many residents of the Foothill WDB service area actually completed any sort of training. Your auditors would do us all a service to analyze many of the trainees gained employment and if that training had any impact on the jobs found or their paychecks.

Sending millions of dollars to the South Bay WDB may be well-intentioned, but it does not serve our local employees and displaced workers well.

I consent to have my comment read out loud during the meeting. Yes

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