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# Southwest Alabama Workforce Development Council

## Region 9 News

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Quarterly Council Meeting & Chat with the Chancellor  
Dr. Freida Hill**

Wednesday, June 8th  
9– noon  
ThyssenKrupp  
AIDT  
4 Second Street  
Calvert, AL 36513

**Community College Grant Deadlines**

Application Due to  
SAWDC:

**June 22, 2011**

Application Due to  
GOWD:

**August 2, 2011**

SWPC Grant  
Considerations:

**September 7, 2011**

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### Job Training Goes Mobile in Region 9

The US Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration (DOL/ETA) recently announced that they would be awarding a \$4,937,950 grant to the Department of Postsecondary Education (DPE.) This job training grant will have a direct impact on the Region 9 area. Community colleges in Region 9 have teamed together to establish a specific requirement for Industrial Engineering Technology skills that would be necessary for employment in the region. One of the main goals of this grant will be to create mobile units for training programs in areas including, but not limited to hydraulics and motor controls. Goals are set and construction is underway to create five mobile labs that will be accessible by community colleges throughout Region 9.

### Worlds of Opportunity Update

SAWDC would like to thank the partners listed below for their contributions, which will be acknowledged at the 2011 Worlds of Opportunity Career Expo. To become a partner, please contact Jennifer Edwards at (251)445-2090 or [jedwards@sawdc.org](mailto:jedwards@sawdc.org) prior to June 1, 2011.

#### Platinum Level

Alabama Power Foundation  
Georgia Pacific

#### Silver Level

Austal USA  
Iron Workers Local #798  
Signal International

#### Bronze Level

Thompson Engineering

### Bob Higgins honored with Exemplary Service Award

Bob Higgins, past chairman for SAWDC and senior vice president of the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance, was presented with the Alabama Gulf Coast Area Chamber of Commerce's first Exemplary Service Award. Higgins was chosen due to his efforts with the Gulf oil spill recovery. Among his efforts were the development of the War Room and South Baldwin County's Coastal Resiliency Coalition. On behalf of Southwest Alabama and Region 9, SAWDC would like to congratulate Bob Higgins on this outstanding honor.

### Storm Recovery Jobs Now Available in Alabama

More than 1,250 workers in Alabama lost their jobs due to the recent tornado disasters in Alabama. Over 250 recovery jobs have been posted on Alabama's online job database. These jobs come from an array of 12 different employers. Available jobs range from equipment operation to general labor. Storm victims are also encouraged to visit the 47 available career centers in Alabama. For more information on jobs and applications for recovery efforts, please visit [joblink.alabama.gov](http://joblink.alabama.gov).