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**The Grand L.A. Provides Training Program to Formerly At-Risk
and/or Incarcerated Individuals Re-Entering the Workforce**

***PVJOBS' Partnership with The Grand L.A. Gives At-Risk Participants Hands-On Experience
at the \$1 Billion Development Project in Downtown Los Angeles***

LOS ANGELES – May 28, 2021 – Thanks to a PVJOBS partnership with The Grand L.A., the \$1 billion urban destination center currently under construction in downtown Los Angeles, formerly at-risk and/or incarcerated individuals are re-entering the workforce through a three-phase training program. Through this partnership, PVJOBS has been able to place more than 100 apprentices into training programs at The Grand L.A. development site, allowing the job program's participants to further their hands-on work experience.

"People have come through our doors who have been in prison for eight to 10 years and they're hungry, they're extremely motivated," said Mary Taylor, PVJOBS Executive Director. "They want to be able to come back (to The Grand) with their families in five to 10 years and say this is what I built, this is where it started."

In addition to career experience, the development project is enabling PVJOBS workers to enjoy an assignment of a lifetime. "They're the highest buildings I've ever worked on," said Ronita Harper, a tile finisher apprentice who is a PVJOBS participant. "I love the view of downtown Los Angeles."

The Grand L.A. is being developed by Related Companies. For more information about The Grand L.A., visit [here](#).

PVJOBS (Playa Vista Job Opportunities & Business Services) is a 501c(3) nonprofit public benefit corporation that works to provide at-risk youth, adults and veterans with job training and employment opportunities. Since forming in 1998, PVJOBS has overseen more than 8,000 job placements for Los Angeles' most heavily impeded community members. PVJOBS partners with community-based organizations, public agencies, private developers, contractors and construction unions to help realize its mission of providing career-track employment opportunities to at-risk individuals.

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