

# **FOCUS ON ABILITIES II:**

America's People...America's Talent...America's Strength  
2008 National Disability Employment Awareness Month Symposium



California Environmental Protection Agency  
Byron Sher Auditorium  
1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95812  
Wednesday, October 1, 2008  
9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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### AGENDA

- 8:00-9:00am Sign-In
- 9:00-9:15am National Anthem – Debra Thompson, SWRCB
- Welcome/Opening Remarks – Linda Adams, Secretary, Cal/EPA
- 9:15-10:30am Suzanne M. Ambrose, Executive Officer, SPB  
***“Employment Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities:  
Where Are We Now? Where Are We Going?”***
- Phyllis Cheng, Director, DFEH  
***“Employment and Disability Discrimination: Legal Aspects”***
- Tony Sauer, Director, DOR  
***“Reasonable Accommodations: Facts, Myths, & Successes”***
- 10:30-10:45 am **Break**
- 10:45-11:45am Jerry Gibbins, LEAP Manager, SPB  
***“Increase Your Department’s LEAP Resources”***
- Neal E. Albritton, Deputy Director, CA State Independent Living Council (SILC) and  
Subcommittee Chair, Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board (TBIAB)  
***“Technical Resources for Accommodations”***
- 11:45-1:00pm **Lunch Break (on your own)**
- 1:00 -1:30 pm Keynote Speaker– Kevin Holsome, CHP Officer
- 1:30 -2:10 pm Michael Paravagna, ADA Coordinator, City of Sacramento  
***“Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan”***
- 2:10 – 2:30 pm **Break - Cal/EPA Irish Combo Band: “Clan Eire”**
- 2:30 – 3:15 pm Richard Devylder, Office for Access and Functional Needs Coordination, Governor’s  
Office of Emergency Services  
***“A Day in the Life of Richard Devylder”***
- 3:15 - 3:30 p.m. Wrap-up /Conclusion – Leonard Robinson

**Master of Ceremonies:** Leonard Robinson, Federal Liaison, Department of Toxic Substances Control

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