



**An Enterprise Zone Success Story:
International Component Technology
*Santa Ana, California***

International Component Technology manufactures flat panel cable harness assemblies used in aerospace, medical and various commercial and military applications. Located in Santa Ana, this small business started in the owner's garage over 20 years ago, and today its operations occupy an 8,000 square foot building.

Kevin Pezzolla, owner of International Component Technology, thought about moving to Las Vegas a few years back because of the state's business friendly climate. The benefits of operating in Nevada include no state income tax, free training and placement of new employees, assistance with securing permits, and low workers compensation insurance premiums.

Although city officials in Las Vegas "rolled out the red carpet" to entice International Component Technology to move out of state, Mr. Pezzolla decided to stay in California. One of the main reasons he decided to stay here was that the company benefits each year from participating in the Enterprise Zone program. Mr. Pezzolla says "the Enterprise Zone Program helps level the playing field."

International Component Technology ships its products worldwide and because it is competing with other global companies it has to keep its prices down. Receiving tax credits from being located in an Enterprise Zone has allowed Mr. Pezzolla to remain competitive while growing his business, which includes hiring more employees and paying them higher wages. Now with over 30 employees, Mr. Pezzolla attributes his business' success to being located in the Santa Ana Enterprise Zone. If the program is cut back, Mr. Pezzolla says it would affect his decision whether or not he should stay in California.

California's Enterprise Zone Program was established in 1984 in order to stimulate business investment in depressed areas of the state and create job opportunities for local residents. The Enterprise Zone Program is one of the state's most successful economic development tools – combating poverty and unemployment in disadvantaged areas of our state and encouraging business growth and expansion.