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US Labor Department awards more than \$183 million for technical skills training to help American workers fill jobs in high-growth fields

Grants target industries in 28 states that rely on H-1B visa program for skilled workers

CINCINNATI — Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis today announced during a conference call with reporters more than \$183 million in grants to 43 public-private partnerships serving 28 states through the second round of funding under the H-1B Technical Skills Training Grant Competition. The grants will provide education, training and job placement assistance related to high-growth fields in which employers are currently using the H-1B nonimmigrant visa program to hire foreign workers.

"The federal grant awards announced today will provide U.S. workers with the training they need to succeed in the high tech, high-growth jobs of the future," said Secretary Solis. "Developing a strong and vibrant workforce that fits the needs of American businesses is critical to forming an America built to last."

Last October, the Labor Department awarded more than \$159 million to 36 grantees in the first round of the competition. Between the two rounds of grants, more than \$163 million has been designated to provide on-the-job training, allowing participants to learn new skills while earning a regular paycheck. More than \$200 million has been designated for grantees that serve participants who have been identified as long-term unemployed. The grants also represent significant investments in fields such as information technology, advanced manufacturing and health care.

These grants are funded through fees paid by employers to bring foreign workers into the United States under the H-1B program. They are intended to raise the technical skill levels of American workers and, over time, help businesses reduce their need to use the H-1B program.

The original solicitation for grant applications announced funding of \$240 million to be awarded through two rounds of funding. Because additional H-1B visa fees have been collected, about \$100 million more than anticipated has been awarded.

Editor's note: A complete list of grantees, including their locations, award amounts and targeted industries, follows this release.

H-1B Technical Skills Training Grantees

Grantee	City, State	Amount	Targeted Industries and Occupations
Arizona Diversity Business Development Center	Arizona	\$4,963,159	Health care
Arkansas Workforce Investment Board	Arkansas	\$4,952,848	Health care
Automation Alley	Michigan	\$5,000,000	Professional, scientific and technical services
Central Minnesota Jobs and Training Services Inc.	Minnesota	\$1,639,688	Advanced manufacturing
Central Mississippi Planning & Development District Inc.	Mississippi	\$5,000,000	Information technology and engineering
Central Piedmont Community College	North Carolina	\$4,999,071	Information technology and health IT
City of Boston Economic Development and Industrial Corp.	Massachusetts	\$4,999,555	Health care and biotechnology
District 1199C Training and Upgrading Fund	Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey	\$3,073,122	Health care
Florida Gateway College	Florida	\$3,903,957	Health care
Front Range Community College	Colorado	\$3,980,813	Health care
Industrial Consultants LLC	California, Washington, Texas, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland	\$5,000,000	Ammonia refrigeration industry
Los Angeles Southwest College	California	\$5,000,000	Engineering and engineering technology
Massachusetts Manufacturing Extension Partnership Inc.	Massachusetts	\$3,992,908	High-tech and advanced manufacturing
Midlands Technical College	South Carolina	\$5,000,000	Insurance and health information technology
New Jersey Institute of Technology	New Jersey	\$5,000,000	Information technology and STEM industries
Northeast Iowa Community College	Iowa	\$4,870,648	Advanced manufacturing, health care, professional and business services
Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board Inc.	Connecticut	\$5,000,000	Information technology and advanced manufacturing
Northwest State Community College	Ohio	\$5,000,000	Information technology
Northwest Wisconsin Concentrated Employment Program Inc.	Wisconsin	\$4,758,656	Health care
Ohio University	Ohio	\$4,989,080	Health care
Oregon Manufacturing Extension Partnership	Oregon, Washington	\$5,000,000	Information technology and manufacturing
Pacific Systems Inc.	Georgia	\$4,966,308	Information technology and high technology

Pasco-Hernando Workforce Board Inc.	Florida	\$1,836,082	Health care
Regional Center for Workforce Excellence	Pennsylvania	\$1,199,050	Information technology and communication
River Valley Community College	New Hampshire	\$4,998,775	Advanced manufacturing
San Jacinto Community College District	Texas	\$4,996,100	Information technology
Shenandoah Valley Workforce Investment Board	Virginia	\$5,000,000	Health care and advanced manufacturing
Tampa Bay Workforce Alliance Inc.	Florida	\$3,857,898	Information technology and telecommunications
TechAmerica Foundation	Maryland, Virginia	\$4,993,403	Information technology
The AFL-CIO Working for America Institute Inc.	Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan	\$3,381,000	Advanced manufacturing
The Junior College District of Metropolitan Kansas City, Mo.	Missouri	\$5,000,000	Information technology and engineering
The Research Foundation of SUNY, College of Environmental Science and Forestry	New York	\$1,387,104	Advanced manufacturing
The University of West Florida	Florida	\$3,945,528	Health information technology
The Workforce Alliance	Connecticut	\$4,970,000	Information technology, engineering, advanced manufacturing
University of Central Florida	Florida	\$5,000,000	Engineering and information technology
University of Texas, El Paso, School of Nursing	Texas	\$3,991,880	Health care
West Los Angeles College	California	\$4,999,714	Advanced manufacturing, engineering, information technology
WestEd	California	\$5,000,000	Information
Worker Education and Resource Center Inc.	California	\$1,035,553	Health care
Workforce Development Board of Southeast Los Angeles County	California	\$2,174,196	Health care
Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas	Texas	\$4,991,839	Information technology; professional, scientific and technical services
Workforce Systems Inc.	Oregon, Washington	\$4,567,095	High-tech and advanced manufacturing
Wyoming Department of Workforce Services	Wyoming	\$4,924,211	Health care