



NIEHS Worker Education and Training Program Awardee Meeting

March 30, 2005
Manhattan Beach, CA

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Agenda

2005 Spring Awardee Meeting

Wednesday, March 30, 2005

- 8:00 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast**
- 8:30 a.m. **Welcome and Greetings from NIEHS** **Joseph “Chip” Hughes**, Director, WETB, NIEHS
- NIEHS Chemical Terrorism Initiative** **Dennis Lang**, Deputy Director, DERT, NIEHS
- 8:45 a.m. **NIEHS Update**
Joseph “Chip” Hughes, Carolyn Mason, Patricia Thompson, Ted Outwater, and Sharon Beard, NIEHS
Topics: National Clearinghouse Recompensation and WETP Grants Review; Carryover and Just in Time Issues; 2005 Progress Reports, Close Out, and Curricula Issues; SBIR Awards; and WETP Participation in the Town Hall Meeting on Growing Pains: Health and Community Impacts of Goods Movement and the Ports” in Long Beach, CA.
- 9:15 - 11:30 a.m. **Opening Panel: Reaching and Understanding the Training Needs of Underserved Populations**
Panelists will discuss the challenges and rewards of initiatives to reach diverse populations in the western states and will propose strategies based on their experiences.
Moderator: **Linda Delp**, Director, UCLA-Labor Occupational Safety & Health Program (LOSH/CAC)
Panelists:
- **Esther Ramirios**, UCLA-LOSH, and **Angela Marquez**, Women in Non-traditional Employment Roles (WINTER) – Collaborations to reach women of color
 - **BJ Griego**, Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way (BMW) – The role of worker trainers in reaching Navajo workers
 - **Dinorah Barton-Antonio**, UC Berkeley LOHP, and **William Marquardt**, AFSCME – A bilingual, multicultural approach to reaching Spanish-speaking workers
 - **Victor Narro**, UCLA Labor Center – Building alliances to promote immigrant worker rights
- 10:30 - 10:45 a.m. **Break**

Keeping Quality Current:

An Update of the NIEHS Minimum Criteria for Worker Health and Safety Training for Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response

11:30 a.m. **National Clearinghouse Update** **Bruce Lippy**, Director, Clearinghouse

11:45 a.m. **Closing Panel: Contractor/Business Relations -Building Successful Training Partnerships**

NIEHS Minority Worker and Brownfields Awardees will jointly present with local contractors how their programs have successfully partnered to develop quality training programs and meet the needs of both the trainee and the contractor/business community.

Moderator: **Sharon Beard**, WETB, NIEHS

Panelists:

- **J. Luis Hipolito**, Program Manager, Los Angeles Conservation Corps – Center to Protect Workers' Rights
- **James Spencer**, Senior Industrial Hygienist – Environmental Detectives Inc.
- **Christopher Hanif**, Program Coordinator, Young Community Developers Inc. – Laborers-AGC Education & Training Fund
- **Bill Williams**, Construction Manager, Tetra Tech Foster Wheeler (TTFW)

12:30 p.m. **Lunch**

Luncheon Speaker: **Kent Wong**, Director UCLA Center for Labor Research and Education