U.S. Department of Labor Hispanic Worker Initiative

Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union HI-Demand Project

Grant Amount: \$1,885,778

Program Description:

U.S. Labor Secretary Elaine L. Chao is awarding \$1,885,778 to the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees (HERE) HI-Demand program. HERE partners with 24 hospitality industry employers and Nevada Partners, Inc., a community-based training provider which houses the Culinary Training Academy. The project will demonstrate ways to prepare Hispanic workers to fill the high-demand for qualified, trained employees in the growing hospitality industry of Las Vegas, Nevada and Atlantic City, New Jersey.

In Las Vegas, HERE will deliver occupational English training to 2,000 new citizens and immigrant workers for entry level and career ladder hospitality positions through its partnership. On-site pre- and post-shift occupational English proficiency training will also be offered to 450 incumbent workers at 10 major area hotels.

In Atlantic City, HERE will partner with 13 employers and Atlantic Cape Community College to train 45 incumbent workers with limited English skills for jobs as fully trained and skilled cooks.