

Monthly Update

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Upcoming Events

- **August 27-30** [National Association for Program Information and Performance Measurement's \(NAPIPM\) Annual Meeting](#) Greensboro, NC
- **Sept 28-Oct. 1** [National Tech Prep Network \(NTPN\) Conference](#) Orlando, FL
- **Oct. 10-12** [Dynamic Works Institute: Workforce Summit 2005](#) Orlando, FL
- **Oct. 22-25** [National Council for Workforce Education \(NCWE\)](#)
San Antonio, TX
- **Oct. 31-Nov. 3** ["Building a Future with Farmworkers, Together We Grow"](#) 2005
AFOP National Conference, Miami, FL

An additional Workforce System-Wide Calendar of Events provided by the Employment and Training Administration, <http://www.workforcetools.org/calendar.asp>, can also be found on the "Workforce Tools for the Trade," a USDOL website designed to help workforce development professionals excel.

Department Initiatives

Career Voyages Website Tailored to Inform all Job Seekers

The Department of Labor (DOL) Adds New Features and Functionality to Career Voyages Website. The new features and functionality added to the Career Voyages website include "What's New" web page to inform students, parents, career changers and career advisors about recent data annexations – and what's coming down the short-term and long-term development pike. To view the website visit: <http://www.careervoyages.com/>.

Lower Living Standard Income Level for 2005 Published

The U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration Publishes Annual Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) for 2005. The ETA has published the Secretary of Labor's annual LLSIL under Title I of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998. The Secretary of Labor annually determines the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) for uses described in the Law. The LLSIL is available in the May 11 Federal Register at: <http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-9384.pdf>.

Special Tabulation of Limited English Proficient Populations from Census 2000 Now Available

The Department of Labor has sponsored a special tabulation of Census data on Limited English proficient (LEP) populations as a resource for One Stop Career Centers and other providers of employment and training services. Information is broken out for 39

Census languages and language clusters, and the tabulations are designed to match the service areas of states and local Workforce Investment Areas.

The resource information is now available on-line at:
<http://www.doleta.gov/reports/CensusData>

Regional Announcements

REGION II

Allegheny County, Pennsylvania: The Pittsburgh Economic and Industrial Development Corporation received a \$2.25 million loan to rehabilitate existing water and sewer facilities to support development of Luna Square in Pittsburgh. The project is expected to create 665 jobs.

Bedford County, Pennsylvania: The Saxton Borough Municipal Authority received a \$2.36 million grant for the rehabilitation and expansion of a wastewater treatment system in Saxton Borough that will improve infrastructure to attract more industrial activity. The number of new jobs created is undetermined.

Berks County, Pennsylvania: The Hamburg Municipal Authority received a \$3.89 million loan and a \$687,250 grant for the upgrade and expansion of the Pine Street Pump Station. The facility expects to attract a travel center, hotels, restaurants and other commercial enterprises resulting in 850 new jobs.

Luzerne County, Pennsylvania: The Great Pittston Chamber of Commerce received a \$2.34 million grant for the development of Phase 1 of the CenterPoint Commerce and Trade Park East in Jenkins Township. The project is expected to create 2,422 jobs.

Montgomery County, Pennsylvania: Lower Perkiomen Valley Regional Sewer Authority received a \$3 million loan and a \$2

million grant for the expansion of the existing sewage treatment plant and construction of an inceptor in Upper Providence Township. The project will create at least 400 new jobs.

Washington County, Pennsylvania: The Hanover Township Sewer Authority received a \$2.14 million loan and a \$537,000 grant to assist with the extension of sewer lines in Hanover Township. This project will support the development on the Starpoint Industrial Park. When completed, Starpoint will create 900 manufacturing and commercial jobs.

Grove City, Mercer County-Pennsylvania: Department of Community and Economic Development Secretary announced the creation and retention of over 240 manufacturing jobs to Mercer County.

Hodge Foundry Inc. in Greenville, PA, a manufacturer of gray and ductile iron castings, will create 36 jobs within three years and retain 105 present employees.

VEC Technology LLC, also in Greenville, will create 25 new jobs within three years and retain 76 current employees.

Eli Lilly cuts plans for Prince William plant in half: After postponing the project in 2002, Prince William, Virginia and Eli Lilly and Company have renewed plans for a facility in Prince William County. The new plans include hiring 350 workers as opposed to the originally intended 700.

REGION III

C&G Boat Works to Expand, Add 100 Workers C&G Boat Works, Incorporated, will add up to 100 jobs in Mobile, Alabama, as it spends \$1.5 million to expand its facility to accommodate several new shipbuilding contracts. The new jobs, including carpenters, welders and ship fitters, will pay between \$12 and \$16 per hour.

Laurens County, South Carolina, Plant to Add 50 Jobs ISO Poly Films, Incorporated, a Laurens County plastic film manufacturing plant, plans to add 50 jobs as part of an expansion project over the next several years. Most of the new jobs will be in production, but there will also be positions in sales, shipping, customer service and quality control.

Benefitfocus.com Incorporated to Expand in Upstate Benefitfocus.com, Incorporated, will add 40 jobs as it expands to a new Greenville, South Carolina, facility.

Hotel Company to Add Call Center Jobs in North Charleston A British hotel concern plans to add 100 jobs to a North Charleston call center. Intercontinental Hotels Group owns or runs 3,500 lodging places around the globe. Its new workers will be paid \$7.50 to \$8.40 an hour.

Caremark to Add Call Center, Up to 600 Jobs in Nashville, Tennessee The country's second-largest pharmacy benefits manager will open a customer service call center in the Metro Center office park next month, beginning with 375 employees and expanding to about 600 by 2008.

Flatbed Trailer Factory to Hire 250 A new \$13 million factory being built in Western Kentucky is expected to hire 250 employees during the next five years. Benson Industries has started construction of an aluminum flatbed trailer factory in Cadiz that is expected to be completed in late December. Shipping of flatbed trailers is expected to start in February.

Chase Plans to Add 100 Jobs at Lexington, Kentucky, Loan Processing Center Chase Bank is adding 100 jobs at its Lexington loan processing center by December 31, 2005. The new jobs will pay \$9.50 to \$13 an hour. They will include document imaging specialists, customer service representatives, loan processors and administrative assistants.

200 Jobs Coming to the Hickory, North Carolina, Area Two manufacturing businesses are setting up shop, bringing roughly 200 new jobs to the Hickory metro area. Ideaitalia, a company that assembles and ships bedroom furniture and entertainment centers, will open in Conover, and Paragon Films, an Oklahoma-based company that makes plastic film, is opening a plant in the Alexander Industrial Park.

Perdue Farms to Bring 1,000 Jobs to Georgia Perdue Farms is expanding its plants in Houston and Monroe Counties, bringing a \$155 million investment and 1,000 new jobs to Georgia. The Maryland-based chicken company plans to invest \$146 million by 2009 to expand its Houston County operation in Perry, adding a distribution plant and a cooking plant and doubling the capacity of the existing processing plant. These projects will create 925 jobs. An additional \$9 million will be invested in Perdue Farms' feed mill and hatchery in Monroe County, creating an additional 75 jobs. The majority of the jobs will be production positions with starting pay of \$8.85 an hour, and benefits, after a training period. Perdue Farms also will be looking to fill salaried management, professional and technical positions.

AE Group's New Facility to Bring 300 Positions to LaGrange, Georgia A German company plans to build a \$50 million office and plant in LaGrange, adding about 300 jobs to the area over the next five years. Up to 80 positions will be filled during the following 12 months.

BSA Will Add Jobs in Greenville, South Carolina BSA, a business development company, plans to add 100 jobs over the

next two years in Greenville, South Carolina. BSA will look for everything from

entry-level call center workers to managers.

Other Announcements

A WorkforceUSA.net Message

The June WorkforceUSA.net newsletter has been posted to the site. This month features: lessons on Workforce Intermediaries from the Annie E. Casey Foundation, a chart on WIA funding from 2000 to the proposed 2006 budget, two funding opportunities, a synthesis of research on micro-enterprises in the U.S. a

report on top trends in Community Colleges, an examination of current labor market trends, and an article on unemployment in New York. You can access the newsletter in the Users Resources section of WorkforceUSA.net or directly link to it at <http://www.workforceusa.net/uploads/17NewsletterJune2005.pdf>

Publications and Other Resources

The Road to Good Employment

Workforce development and job retention are the focus of this new report issued from the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Jobs Initiative program. *The Road to Good Employment* presents evidence-based best practices designed to support unemployed or underemployed individuals in their transition to the workplace. The report highlights the successes of three Jobs

Initiative sites and includes a discussion on each of their service models. The profiles cover topics such as case manager flexibility, developing relationships with employers not previously connected to workforce development, skills assessment, job placement and follow up. To access a copy of the report visit, http://www.aecf.org/publications/data/employment_retention.pdf

Funding Opportunities

OVAE Announces FY 2005 Funding Opportunity for Coordinated School Dropout Prevention and Reentry

The Office of Vocational and Adult Education (OVAE) within the Department of Education has invited applications for FY 2005 funding under a program which supports the development and implementation of an effective, sustainable, and coordinated school dropout prevention and reentry. An additional purpose is for state education agencies to create collaborations with other agencies and work with local educational agencies to assist schools in dropout prevention and reentry

activities. OVAE has identified \$4,500,000 for an estimated two awards.

The July 8 FEDERAL REGISTER provides both [application requirements](#) and [priorities, requirements, definitions, and selection criteria](#) under this School Dropout Prevention program.

Diversity in Health Care Professions: HHS/CDC Announces Funding Opportunity

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention within the Department of Health and Human Services has announced a funding opportunity to assist organizations

which provide support for the advancement of professional development, education, and research and training for racial and ethnic minorities. These organizations consist of representatives from member institutions (medical, dental public health, pharmacy, and/or veterinarian schools) who work to ensure racial and ethnic parity in health professions.

This funding opportunity is intended to assist these organizations to:

- Build and strengthen institutional infrastructure supporting the development and implementation of innovative organizational strategies and effective programs to advance professional development, education, and research training for racial and ethnic minorities.
- Improve program and institutional capacity to foster community leadership development, promote community mobilization strategies and community resource development, and encourage partnerships and coalition building.
- Enhance quantitative and qualitative research efforts of the participating institutions.
- Strengthen the educational and professional development of minority health professionals and educators.
- Support student training initiatives, in order to introduce public health to racial and ethnic minority students.

Applications may be submitted by a lead organization that serves the targeted racial and ethnic minority population. Lead organizations are nonprofit educational, scientific and charitable 501(c)(3) organizations, that engage the collaborative resources, scholarship and technology of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribal Colleges and Universities, (TCUs), and Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs).

The applicant organizations must serve as the umbrella organizations for HBCUs, HSIs, or TCUs. For the purpose of this cooperative agreement, umbrella

organizations are defined as nonprofit educational, scientific, and charitable 501(c)(3) organizations that serve as the management, administrative, and clearinghouse arm for member HBCU, HSI/HSPHS, and TCU institutions.

HHS/CDC has identified an estimated \$900,000 for the support of three (one from each academic group) awards. The approximate average award is \$300,000. The application deadline is August 4, 2005.

The [July 5 FEDERAL REGISTER](#) provides full background, additional information on eligible applicants and the proposal requirements.

HHS/ACF Announces Funding Opportunity under Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals (JOLI) Program; Emphasis on Self-Employment and Microenterprise; Non-Profits and Faith-Based Organizations Eligible to Apply

The purpose of the [Job Opportunities for Low-Income Individuals \(JOLI\) program](#) is to provide technical and financial assistance to private employers in the community to assist them in creating employment and business opportunities for individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and for other low-income individuals. Projects focus on one of three program strategies: self-employment/micro-enterprise, new business ventures, and business expansion. The Administration for Children and Families within the Department of Health and Human Services has announced its intent to award 10 to 12 grants with an average projected award amount of \$450,000.

Priority will be given to applicants proposing to serve those areas containing the highest percentage of individuals receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) under a State program, which is funded under Part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act and individuals whose income level does not exceed 100 percent of the official poverty line.

Program Strategy 1: Business Expansion

Applicants applying under Strategy 1 must show that the proposed project will provide technical and/or financial assistance to businesses already in existence to allow the businesses to expand by helping them to obtain better marketing services, contracts, access to additional money to help the business grow, etc., resulting in the creation of new jobs.

Program Strategy 2: Self-Employment/Micro-Enterprise Projects

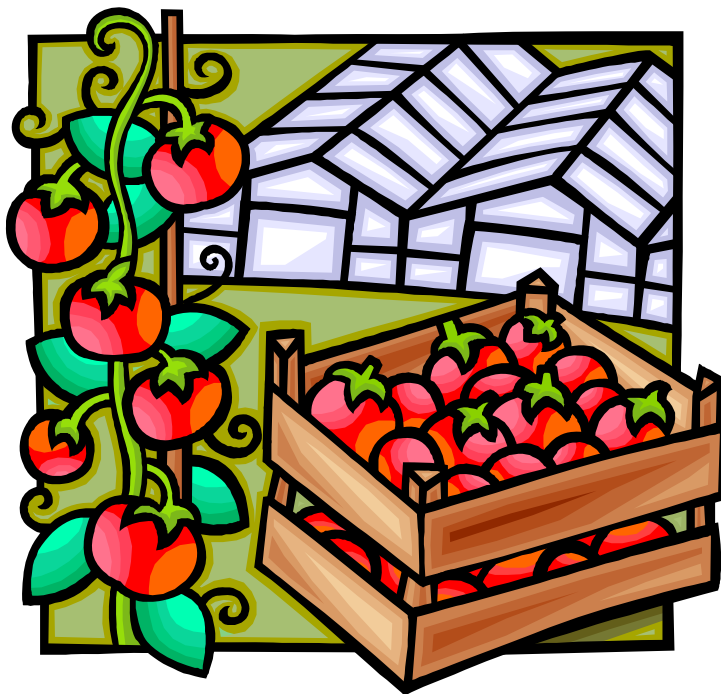
Applicants applying under Strategy 2 must show that the proposed project will create

self-employment/micro-enterprise opportunities for eligible participants.

Program Strategy 3: New Business Ventures

Applicants applying under this strategy must show the development of a new business that will train and employ 40-100 TANF and/or low-income persons to work within that business.

The [July 20 FEDERAL REGISTER](#) provides full background, definitions and instructions for application preparation and instruction. The due date for applications is August 19.



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