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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **April 20-21** [Agricultural Business and Workforce System Integration Forum](#)
Dallas, TX
- **May 9-10** [Agricultural Business and Workforce System Integration Forum](#)
Tampa, FL
- **May 14- 17** [Jazzing Up the Workforce Profession](#) 17th Annual NAWDP
Conference. Charlotte, NC
- **May 15 - 17** [DARI: Legacy of Achievement](#) Delta Association of Regional
Initiatives Asheville, NC
- **July 11-13** [Talent Driving Prosperity](#) Workforce Innovations Conference
2006. Anaheim, CA

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

The Faith-Based and Community Initiative: April and May Conferences and Workshops Scheduled for Jacksonville and Cincinnati

The White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and the Department of Labor have announced several conferences, workshops and training sessions in March and April.

Wednesday, April 12, 2006
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Hyatt Jacksonville
225 East Coast Line Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32202

On Wednesday, April 12, the White House and the Departments of Justice, Commerce, Agriculture, Labor, Veterans Affairs, Health & Human Services, Housing & Urban Development, and Education, the Agency for International Development and the Small Business Administration will host a conference in Jacksonville to help faith-based and other community organizations learn more about President Bush's Faith-Based and Community Initiative.

This conference will provide participants with information about Federal programs that are suited to their needs, the Federal funding process, and the legal requirements that may apply to recipients of Federal funds. They will also offer practical information on the grant-writing process and facilitate opportunities to network with government officials.

The conference is free, but pre-registration is required. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Visit <http://www.fbc.gov/> to register online. Please register by Thursday, April 6. If you must cancel your registration, please send an email to fbc@dtihq.com.

For more information, please call 202-456-6718, send an email to fbc@dtihq.com, or visit www.fbc.gov.

May 11, 2006
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Hyatt Regency Cincinnati
151 West Fifth Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

State, regional and local administrators of Department of Labor-funded programs are invited to an informational session hosted by the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives in Cincinnati, OH on May 11, 2006.

To expand and strengthen services to people in need, the President has advanced the Faith-Based and Community Initiative to ensure that all effective non-profit organizations have equal access to grants and other types of Federal financial assistance.

The presentation will focus on how this Initiative affects administration of Federal block and formula grant funds.

In particular, it will highlight how Federal law and recently-established equal treatment regulations expand opportunities for partnership and require a "level playing field" for all non-profit organizations.

All desiring to attend should RSVP immediately to Shortenhaus.scott@dol.gov.

The Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao Encourages Companies, Non-profits, Others to Apply for

May 12, 2006
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Hyatt Regency Cincinnati
151 West Fifth Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202

On Friday, May 12, 2006, the White House and the Departments of Justice, Commerce, Agriculture, Labor, Veterans Affairs, Health & Human Services, Housing & Urban Development, and Education, the Agency for International Development, and the Small Business Administration will host a targeted workshop in Cincinnati to help faith-based and community organizations learn more about President Bush's Faith-Based and Community Initiative. The event is geared towards representatives from social service groups that have a track record of applying for government funding, especially those from groups that have not yet won grants.

The targeted workshops will offer grant writing tutorials for certain Federal grant programs that present some of the greatest opportunities for faith-based and community organizations. They will also provide the occasion for Federal officials to meet with State and local grant administrators about equal treatment regulations and facilitate opportunities to network with government officials.

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2006 New Freedom Initiative Awards

WASHINGTON — Labor Secretary Elaine L. Chao today called upon non-profits, small businesses, corporations and individuals that have demonstrated exemplary and innovative efforts to improve the employment and workplace environment of people with disabilities to submit their entries for the 2006 "Secretary of Labor's **New Freedom Initiative (NFI) Award.**" This will be the fifth anniversary of the NFI awards, which so far have been presented to 13 companies, 13 non-profits and 4 individuals.

"President Bush and I are committed to advancing employment opportunities for workers with disabilities," said Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao. "The **New Freedom Initiative Awards** recognize individuals, nonprofit organizations and private sector companies that have improved the employment prospects for people with disabilities."

The award recognizes public-private partnerships and programs that have had a positive impact on the employment of people with disabilities through access to assistive technologies, the use of innovative training, and hiring and retention strategies. It also recognizes organizations, businesses and individuals who develop comprehensive strategies to enhance the ability of Americans with disabilities to enter and advance in the 21st century workforce.

Additional information on the award and specific nomination criteria are available in the March 2 Federal Register or at www.dol.gov/odep/newfreedom/nfi06.htm under the **New Freedom Initiative** tab. The information is also available by calling the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), Education and Outreach Section, at (202) 693-7880. The deadline for receipt of nominations is May 31.

REGIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGION 3

Gulfstream to Add 1,100 Jobs in Savannah, Georgia Gulfstream plans a \$300 million expansion of its corporate jet plant in Savannah, a project that will add 1,100 jobs over the next seven years.

INC Research Will Add 100 Jobs in Raleigh, North Carolina INC Research is about to outgrow its corporate headquarters as it adds 100 jobs by the end of the year. The new positions in Raleigh will cover a range of skills, including biostatistics and data management.

Georgia Lands KIA Auto Plant South Korean automaker Kia Motors Corp. will open a \$1.2 billion plant in Georgia, creating almost 5,500 new jobs in the state. Cars will begin rolling off the plant's two assembly lines in August 2008.

Call Center Firm PRC Adds Jobs in Tampa, Florida Fort Lauderdale call center operator PRC is expanding into Tampa, creating 175 jobs at a division which assists large corporations with sales and marketing.

REGION 4

Spirit Aerosystems - An increase in orders for Boeing airplanes means additional jobs in Oklahoma. Spirit

Aerosystems, a supplier of wing components to Boeing, expects to add 200 to 300 jobs in the next year to meet the

demand for new Boeing airplanes. Spirit employs about 1,300 people at manufacturing plants in Tulsa and McAlester. The Chicago-based company expects to deliver 395 airliners this year, a 36 percent increase over last year. Wing

components on each of those planes will be assembled in a Spirit facility in Oklahoma. Other aerospace companies in the Tulsa area also stand to benefit from Spirit's windfall of work.

REGION 5

Michigan Governor Jennifer M. Granholm announced the appointment of Paula D. Cunningham to succeed David Hollister as director of the Department of Labor and Economic Growth (DLEG). As director of DLEG, Cunningham will be responsible for furthering Granholm's economic plan, which will include enhancing the states job training efforts. The department she will lead is already involved in workforce development programs, including Regional

Skills Alliances and the MiOpportunity Partnership.

downtown restaurants and other businesses, the study said. The association, the Milwaukee-area's largest business group, is supporting a proposal to provide city financial assistance for the Manpower headquarters, which would be built by developer Gary Grunau along the Milwaukee River, south of W. Cherry St.

REGION 6

Statewide Migrant and Seasonal Farmworker Survey in Arizona is Underway

Portable Practical Education Preparation Inc. (PPEP) and the Arizona Interagency Farmworker Coalition (AIFC) are spearheading an effort with Larsen Assistance Services to provide an "official" count of Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers (MSFWs). The Arizona study will help

develop profiles of MSFWs for every county in the State. The effort is modeled on research completed in 2000 for the U.S. Public Health Service, Office of Migrant Health and similar studies conducted in Oregon and Idaho. The survey will be instrumental in helping service providers plan, set policy, fund decisions, and advocate on behalf of agricultural workers and MSFWs

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

HUD Publishes Application Requirements and Submission Deadlines for 39 Programs

In the [January 20 Federal Register](#), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published its Notice of Fiscal Year 2006 Notice of Funding Availability Policy Requirements and General Section to the SuperNOFA (General Section). HUD announced it was publishing the General Section of the FY2006

SuperNOFA in advance of the individual NOFAs in order to give prospective applicants sufficient time to begin preparing their applications, and to register early with [Grants.gov](#) to facilitate their application submission process. In the March 8 Federal Register, HUD has published information on the 39 funding opportunities that constitute HUD's FY2006 SuperNOFA.

HUD notes that the key dates that apply to all federal financial assistance made available through HUD's FY2006

SuperNOFA are found in each individual program NOFA and in Appendix A.

HUD indicates that approximately \$46,035,000 in funding is made available for the FY 2006 **Youthbuild** NOFA, which includes any carry over from previous appropriated funds plus any FY 2006 funds appropriated by Congress, plus any funds available through recapture, minus any amount needed to correct errors.

Participants in a Youthbuild program must be very low-income high school dropouts between the ages of 16 and 24, inclusive, at the time of enrollment. Up to 25 percent of participants may be above very low-income, or may be high school graduates (or equivalent), but must have educational needs (such as lack of reading, writing, and communication skills) that justify their participation in the program. HUD reminds prospective applicants that "**Youthbuild grantees are mandatory partners in**

one-stop centers authorized by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998."

The SuperNOFA also contains application information on other economic development programs (**Brownfields Economic Development Initiative and Rural Housing & Economic Development**) as well as the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Programs. HUD provides funding information for its **University and College Programs (HBCU, HSIAC, AN/NHIAC and TCUP)**, noting the potential use of funding for economic development and hurricane recovery. HUD has also identified \$59,400,000 in funding under the **Indian Community Development Block Grant Program**. HUD also outlines its community development technical assistance plans and grant opportunities. FY 2006 SuperNOFA for HUD's Discretionary Programs ([PDF format](#); **note 359 pages in length**).

STAFF DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

A 24-Hour Government Resource for Career Voyages: Student Career Clusters

A new page on the Career Voyages website for students now includes information on career clusters. The career cluster approach makes it easier for students to understand the relevance of their required courses and helps them select their elective courses more wisely. Sample Plans of Study to serve as guides in High Growth Industries are also included courtesy of the Oklahoma Department of

Career and Technology Education in cooperation with the States' Career Clusters Initiative. For more information, click on the following link:

<http://www.careervoyages.com/students-careerclusters.cfm>

RESEARCH AND RECENT PUBLICATION

Report Published on "Size and Characteristics of the Unauthorized Migrant Population in the United States"

An analysis based on the March 2005 Current Population Survey shows that there were 11.1 million unauthorized in the United States a year ago. The [report](#) written by Jeffrey S. Passel, Senior Research Associate of the Pew Hispanic

Center indicates that about 7.2 million of the unauthorized migrants were employed in March 2005, accounting for about 4.9% of the civilian labor force. Unauthorized immigrants make up a large share of all workers in the following occupational categories, including 24% of all workers employed in agriculture, 17% in cleaning, 14% in construction and 12% in food preparation.

Issue Brief on Innovative State Policy Options to Promote Rural Economic Development published by Center for Best Practices, National Governors Association

While not new, the Center for Best Practices at the National Governors Association published an issue brief in February 2003 to promote rural economic development. Three promising strategies identified include:

Adapt cluster-based principles
Promote entrepreneurship outside the agricultural sector; and
Reinvigorate the agricultural sector through diversification and value-added agriculture practices. The issue brief can be downloaded in full from the NGA website:

<http://www.nga.org/Files/pdf/0203RURALDEV.pdf>

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We welcome your input. Please let us know how these updates might be improved to better serve your needs. If you would like to contribute information, post an inquiry, or suggest topics to cover, please contact Gloria Salas-Kos (salas-kos.gloria@dol.gov)