

# Fact Sheet on NIEHS WETP 2010 Awards



The Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) gave NIEHS the responsibility for initiating the Worker Education and Training Program funded by grants. The primary objective of this program is to fund non-profit organizations with a demonstrated track record of providing occupational safety and health education in developing and delivering high quality training to workers who are involved in handling hazardous waste or in responding to emergency releases of hazardous materials.

**NOTE:** *These awards are made under several NIEHS WETP program areas: Hazardous Waste Worker Training Program (HWWTP), HazMat Disaster Preparedness Training Program (HDPTP), Minority Worker Training Program (MWTP), and Department of Energy Nuclear Weapons Cleanup Training Program (DOE program).*

## **AWARDEE: Center for Construction Research and Training – CPWR**

Under the HWWTP and HDPTP, the Center for Construction Research and Training -CPWR consortium targets thousands of members of 11 international / national construction unions that perform a vast array of environmental remediation and construction tasks at hazardous waste sites. They also provide essential skills in support of first responders in their role as skilled support personnel.

Under the MWTP, they will continue programs in New Orleans, LA; St. Paul, MN; and East Palo Alto, CA.

Under the DOE program, they will provide training to construction workers called upon to work on DOE sites in support of hazardous waste operations, decommissioning and decontamination, transportation, restoration and emergency response activities.

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## **AWARDEE: Dillard University**

The HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) Consortium consists of the Deep South Center for Environmental Justice at Dillard University (DU/DSCEJ), New Orleans, LA; Environmental Justice Resource Center at Clark Atlanta University (CAU/EJRC), Atlanta, GA; Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice (DWEJ), Detroit, MI; and Citizens for Environmental Justice (CFEJ), Savannah, GA.

For the HWWT, they will target individuals engaged in hazardous materials and waste operations at HBCUs, and emergency personnel in their targeted training areas.

For MWTP, they are conducting training in 4 cities: New Orleans, LA; Atlanta and Savannah, GA, and Detroit, MI.

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## **AWARDEE: International Association of Fire Fighters**

The International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) includes two of the four program areas: HWWTP and the HDPTP. The IAFF will continue to train fire fighters to the hazardous materials technician level through direct delivery programs nationwide. In addition, the IAFF will train fire fighters in other specialized course curricula that meet and exceed national consensus standards, federal standards and regulations.

Under the DOE program, the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) proposes to continue to train fire fighters who may be dispatched to a specific DOE facility through Emergency Management Assistance Compacts (EMAC) in specialty courses, primarily to the hazmat technician level through direct delivery programs.

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## **AWARDEE: International Brotherhood of Teamsters**

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT) in consortium with the National Labor College (NLC) is funded under HWWTP, HDPTP and DOE. The long term goal of the training programs is to increase worker and community safety, protect workers, sites, and surrounding communities from accidental contamination by hazmat, and protect vital transportation infrastructure with respect to the remediation of hazardous waste sites and the transportation of hazardous waste and hazmat via trucks, rail cars, and intermodal shipping containers. Their target population is: 1) remediation, construction workers and supervisors at hazardous waste sites; 2) truck and railroad workers and supervisors involved in the transportation of hazardous waste and hazmat; and 3) warehouse workers involved in the storage of hazmat.

Under the DOE program, they will use established partnerships with major trucking and rail unions, and established relationships with 8 DOE Facilities (Hanford DOE Site, Nevada Test Site, Savannah River DOE Site, Oak Ridge DOE Site, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, DOE Mound Site, UMTRA Site, St.Louis Airport DOE Site). Their target audience includes truck transportation and railroad workers and supervisors involved in the transportation of chemical and radioactive waste from DOE facilities.

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/careers/hazmat/awardees/ibt.cfm>

## **AWARDEE: International Chemical Workers Union Council**

Under HWWTP and HDPTP, the International Chemical Workers Union (ICWU) focuses on providing chemical emergency response programs to protect collateral duty emergency responders. The Consortium members are: ICWU, United Food and Commercial Workers, Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, American Federation of Teachers, American Nurses Association, American Federation of Government Employees, University of Cincinnati and International Association of Machinists.

Under the DOE program, ICWU in cooperation with the Machinists union (IAM) and Electrical Workers (IBEW), will provide training at the Hanford, Oak Ridge, Kansas City and Los Alamos DOE facilities.

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/careers/hazmat/awardees/icwu.cfm>

## **AWARDEE: International Union of Operating Engineers**

The International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) National Training Fund's (NTF) will train heavy equipment operators who work at sites involving hazardous materials or who support first responders during hazardous material emergencies. The NTF's HDPTP long-term objective is to prepare a nationwide cadre of skilled support personnel to respond to disasters.

Under the DOE program, IUOE will target hoisting and portable and stationary Operating Engineers, other skilled trades workers, managers, scientists, engineers, and other workers at numerous DOE sites who are required to have HAZWOPER and related safety and health training.

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/careers/hazmat/awardees/iuoe.cfm>

## **AWARDEE: International Union, United Auto Workers of America AFL-CIO**

Under HWWTP, the United Auto Workers (UAW) will train members and others who respond to industrial emergencies and handle hazardous wastes. UAW members work in the automobile, metalworking, transportation equipment, heavy equipment, aerospace, healthcare, government and other service sectors nationwide and in Puerto Rico.

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/careers/hazmat/awardees/uaw.cfm>

## **AWARDEE: Jefferson State Community College**

The Center for Labor Education and Research (CLEAR) at Jefferson State Community College, is funded under HWWTP and HDPTP. CLEAR will improve the health and safety training of two populations of workers: Native American tribal members and employees, and public safety personnel. This includes tribal members and employees who may be first to respond to hazmat releases, clandestine drug laboratories or other hazmat events. The project will also target public safety personnel in southeastern U.S., a population of 171,390 fire and rescue service and law enforcement personnel.

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/careers/hazmat/awardees/uab.cfm>

## **AWARDEE: Laborers International Union of North America Training and Education Fund**

Under HWWTP and HDPTP, Laborers International Union of North America Training and Education Fund (LIUNA Training) will utilize twenty-six training sites nationally to train its target population for working in remediation and emergency response situations. This will include how an emergency response operation functions, their roles and those of other participating responders, and an awareness of potential problems and appropriate solutions.

Under the DOE program, LIUNA Training will train workers engaged in activities related to hazardous materials and waste generation, removal (including demolition and decontamination projects), containment, and emergency response within DOE facilities. LIUNA Training will use 9 regional training sites to provide training to construction craft laborers; other decontamination and demolition workers; DOE personnel and, DOE contractor employees.

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/careers/hazmat/awardees/lagc.cfm>

## **AWARDEE: Nova Southeastern University**

The Center for Bioterrorism and All-Hazards Preparedness (CBAP) at Nova Southeastern University is funded under HWWTP to better prepare workers for hazardous materials/hazardous waste management and disaster preparation in selected Southern seaports. The CBAP goal is to provide safety and health training for the maritime industry (workers on ships including cruise ships, docks, ports, oil/gas rigs, or oil/gas platforms) and law enforcement and off-shore workers, who may encounter hazardous materials, including weapons of mass destruction, or who may respond to the cleanup of hazardous waste.

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/careers/hazmat/awardees/nova.cfm>

## **AWARDEE: Office of Applied Innovation, Inc.**

The Office of Applied Innovation (OAI) HWWTP Consortium, is comprised of OAI, Inc. as lead applicant together with Emery Associates, Vernon Hills, IL; Chicago Fire Department, Chicago, IL; State of Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Indianapolis, IN; Commonwealth of Kentucky Division of Fire Prevention, Louisville, KY; Mendez Environmental, Kenner, LA.

OAI will train first responders and hazardous waste workers in the Midwest and other regions; address the resurgence of clandestine methamphetamine labs in Indiana and Kentucky; adapt health and safety training in response to the emerging “greening” of traditional construction jobs, such as energy conservation, building retrofits, deconstruction; and enhance their train-the-trainer curricula as well as refine and expand the evaluation process. Under the MWTP, OAI will provide training at three sites: Chicago, IL; Dallas, TX; and Wyandotte County, KS/Eastern Jackson County, MO.

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## **AWARDEE: Partnership for Environmental Technology Education**

The Partnership for Environmental Technology Education (PETE), based in Portland, Maine, and the Community College Consortium will make NIEHS-approved worker training nationally available through over 100 community college partners, prepared through a Train-the-Trainer model program, to offer hazardous materials instruction (Hazwoper and related 29CFR 1910.120 training) in nearly all states of the nation.

Under the DOE program, PETE will provide convenient, consistent, and cost effective NIEHS-approved worker training to DOE contractors, subcontractors and public officials serving DOE facilities and not trained by organized labor. The partnership will serve the following DOE locations: BWXT Pantex, TX; Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, KY; Portsmouth Site, OH; Oak Ridge Operations, TN; and the Savannah River Site, SC. The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN, and Amarillo Community College, Amarillo, Texas will partner with PETE in this effort.

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/careers/hazmat/awardees/pete.cfm>

## **AWARDEE: SEIU Education and Support Fund**

The SEIU Education and Support Fund and the contractors in its consortium, Local 1199 SEIU and SEIU United Healthcare Worker West, will provide training to prevent acute and chronic injury and illness among workers who are exposed to hazardous materials in emergency situations. This includes a target population now employed in a wide range of jobs in hospitals and the public sector.

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/careers/hazmat/awardees/seiu.cfm>

## **AWARDEE: Steelworkers Charitable & Education Organization**

The Steelworkers Charitable & Education Organization (United Steelworkers) will receive funding under HWWTP, HDPTP, and DOE. Approximately 336,000 USW members are concentrated in the paper, petroleum, chemical, rubber, plastics and primary metals industry groups, all of which contain large quantities of hazardous waste, and experience large quantities of toxic releases.

Under the DOE program, the United Steelworkers will continue and expand HAZWOPER training programs at Hanford, Oak Ridge and other DOE sites.

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/careers/hazmat/awardees/steelworkers.cfm>

## **AWARDEE: University of California Los Angeles**

The Western Region Universities Consortium (WRUC) consists of University of California Los Angeles (UCLA-LOSH) as the lead institution, University of California (UC) Davis Extension, UC Berkeley LOHP, Arizona State University College of Technology & Applied Sciences and the Univ. of Washington Northwest Center for Occupational Health & Safety. WRUC's will target training to meet the needs of underserved workers in the Western US. Under the HWWTP, WRUC will train in EPA Regions IX and X workers and supervisors involved in hazardous waste operations and emergency response; RCRA/industrial waste treatment, storage and disposal facilities; hazmat transport; green construction safety and toxic use reduction/green chemistry. Train the Trainer courses will be offered for environmental justice organizations, maquiladora workers along the U.S.-Mexico border, and other NIEHS grantees. Under the MWTP, WRUC will recruit and train individuals in Los Angeles and Seattle for jobs in the environmental field and construction industry with a focus on recruiting from underserved urban communities disproportionately affected by environmental exposures.

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/careers/hazmat/awardees/wruc.cfm>

## **AWARDEE: University of Cincinnati**

Headed by the University of Cincinnati, the Midwest Consortium for Hazardous Waste Worker Training (MWC) will conduct HWWTP through established relationships with centers in eight states: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Tennessee and Wisconsin. Through community based programs in Michigan, Ohio, North Dakota and Tennessee, awareness and environmental justice training will be available, including a focus on decreasing barriers to facilitate change.

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/careers/hazmat/awardees/midwest.cfm>

## **AWARDEE: University of Massachusetts- Lowell**

The NorthEast Consortium, funded under HWWTP and headed by the University of Massachusetts Lowell includes six coalitions for occupational safety and health (COSH groups), and a state-wide union of New York public sector workers - the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), Local 1000, Inc., of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). The consortium will continue to provide HAZWOPER training to hazardous materials and waste workers and tribal nations in New England, New York public section workers, various minority worker training programs and will integrate the training with green job workforce development projects where hazardous waste exposures are a concern and nanomanufacturing centers in New England to address nanomaterial waste exposures.

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/careers/hazmat/awardees/nec.cfm>

## **AWARDEE: University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) School of Public Health**

The long-term goal of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) School of Public Health -The New Jersey/New York Hazardous Materials Worker Training Center (NJ/NY Center) is to prevent and reduce disability, morbidity, and mortality due to personal risk during hazardous waste operations and emergency response. The members of the Center will provide training in Federal Region II (New Jersey, New York and Puerto Rico) for a broad range of workers, including clean-up workers, emergency responders, transportation workers, and healthcare workers, as well as providing jobs training skills to under or unemployed individuals. The NJ/ NY Center members include the UMDNJ-School of Public Health, Hunter College, New York Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NYCOSH), New Jersey State Police, New York District Council of Carpenters, University at Buffalo, and Universidad Metropolitana (UMET). The NJ/NY Center will conduct training under the HWWT, HDPT and the MWT Programs. Under the MWT, they will target underserved individuals and train them in a 16-week environmental and construction training program in New York City, NY and Newark, NJ.

<http://www.niehs.nih.gov/careers/hazmat/awardees/njny.cfm>

## **AWARDEE: University of Texas Health Science Center**

The University of Texas Health Science Center Region 6-8 Hazardous Waste and Disaster Response Training Center (Region 6-8 Training Center) is a collaborative education and training center that is a partnership between the University of Texas's Southwest Center for Occupational and Environmental Health (SWCOEH) and the University of Utah's Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health (RMCOEH). The Region 6-8 Training Center plan to include programs for existing/current employees, train the trainer programs, targeted approaches to training minority worker populations for students entering careers or work-related fields in hazardous materials, and hazardous materials disaster preparedness and response. Training will occur in Houston and Salt Lake during the first year.

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## **AWARDEE: Utility Workers Union of America**

Funded under the under the HWWTP and HDPTP, the Utility Workers Union of America through the UWUA Power for America Training Trust Fund (Power4America) is the non-profit (501 c3) joint labor management corporation composed of the Utility Workers Union of America (UWUA) and three utility industry employers (Utility Lines Construction Services, Inc., National grid, and Entergy). The UWUA represents 50,000 utility workers in 219 local unions in 27 states and the Virgin Islands who are employed in electrical generation (nuclear and fossil fuel); electrical transmission and distribution; gas transmission and distribution; and water treatment, distribution, and purification. They will train utility workers to meet the requirements for OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910.120. This training will help workers and supervisors to protect themselves during emergencies and to implement strategies to prevent deadly accidents that could impact the workers as well as communities surrounding the utility.

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