



## DOL News Brief

September 24, 2009

[Subscribe](#) | [Send Feedback](#) | [PDF Version](#)



### Summer Success

With the official end of summer upon us, this week Secretary Solis noted the tremendous success of the Summer Youth Employment Program, adding that it has "surpassed our expectations and enriched the lives of thousands of our nation's youth by creating real work opportunities." More than 226,000 young people participated in skills training and mentoring activities funded through the Recovery Act.

- [Read the Secretary's Full Statement](#)

### Hispanic Heritage Month



So you think you can dance? Yesterday, as part of Hispanic Heritage Month, DOL put on its dancing shoes and gave employees the

opportunity to learn Salsa moves.

The Dallas office featured Renato De los Santos on Wednesday, September 23rd. De los Santos has served as director of the Dallas Regional Office of the LULAC National Educational Service Centers Inc. since 1999. He shared information on education, culture and traditions among the Hispanic community as well as spoke about the meaning of this year's theme: "Embracing the Fierce Urgency of Now."

- [View the Calendar of Events](#)

### Secretary's Event in San Diego

Congressman Filner and the state of California welcomed back Secretary Solis last Friday to deliver the keynote address



at the South County Economic Development

### What's Hot:

#### OSHA & MSHA Training Grants

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) announced more than \$6.8 million in Susan Harwood Training Grants, and the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) recently announced \$8.3 million in health and safety grants. According to Secretary Solis, "A good job is a safe job, and these grants are providing the training that workers and employers need to identify and correct workplace safety and health hazards."

- [Read the OSHA News Release](#)
- [Read the MSHA News Release](#)

#### Plan Your Drug-Free Workplace Week Events

*Drug-Free Work Week* (October 19-25, 2009) reinforces the importance of improving worker safety and health through drug-free workplace programs. These programs help protect employers and employees alike from the potentially devastating consequences of alcohol or drug abuse. Establishing policies, educating about the dangers of alcohol and drug use, deterring and detecting use, and urging people to seek help for alcohol and drug problems are not only smart safety strategies, they're also smart business strategies.

Working Partners for an Alcohol- and Drug-Free Workplace, a DOL initiative, provides numerous planning resources for employers, employees, unions, associations, community coalitions, and neighborhood organizations online at [www.dol.gov/workingpartners](http://www.dol.gov/workingpartners).

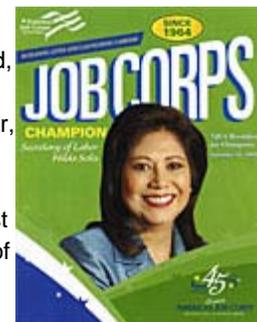
- [Download the Toolkit](#)

### Around DOL: It Happened on the Hill

#### Job Corps 45th Celebration

On Tuesday, Secretary Solis joined Sen. Jack Reed, Sen. Patty Murray, Sen. Arlen Specter, Sen. Orrin Hatch, Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, Rep. Steny Hoyer, Rep. Elijah Cummings, Rep. David Obey, National Job Corps Association (NJCA) members, and key administration officials in a Congressional "Breakfast for Champions" in honor of their long-time support of Job Corps. [More...](#)

- [Visit the Job Corps Web Site](#)
- [View the Slideshow](#)
- [Read the Secretary's Op-Ed](#)



#### CBC: Strengthening Pathways Out of Poverty

"The status quo is unacceptable, and doing nothing is not an option," said

Council's 19th Annual Economic Summit. After giving remarks on economic progress in the bi-national region, the Secretary headed to the Veterans Village of San Diego, a DOL-VETS grantee. Secretary Solis toured the facility, and spoke with homeless veterans about her personal commitment to improving veteran reintegration programs.

- [View the Slideshow](#)

---

## Upcoming Deadlines & Events

### ARRA Grant Application Deadlines

- [Pathways Out of Poverty](#)  
(SGA/DFA PY 08-19)  
Close: 9/29/2009
- [Health Care Sector and Other High Growth and Emerging Industries](#)  
(SGA/DFA PY 09-01)  
Close: 10/5/2009
- [State Energy Sector Partnership \(SESP\) and Training Grants](#)  
(SGA/DFA PY-08-20)  
Close: 10/20/2009

### OFCCP Compliance Assistance Seminars for Construction Contractors

- [September 25 — Richmond, VA](#)
- [September 30 — Miami, FL](#)
- [September 30 — Orange, CA](#)
- [September 30 — Nashville, TN](#)

### OFCCP — Compliance Assistance Seminar (ARRA)

- [September 29 — Mountainside, NJ](#)

### OLMS Compliance Assistance Seminar

- [September 28 — Millbury, MA](#)
- [September 29 — Clinton, ME](#)
- [September 30 — Hooksett, NH](#)

### Employer Compliance Assistance Forum: Understanding DOL Rules and Regulations

- [September 29 — Evansville, IN](#)
- [September 30 — Indianapolis, IN](#)

### WHD Prevailing Wage Conferences

- [September 29-October 1 — Boston, MA](#)

Secretary Solis to participants of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Foundation's 39th Annual Legislative Conference on Wednesday. Solis' remarks were included in a three part panel examining federal solutions to poverty, one of several challenges faced by African-Americans. Throughout the conference, diverse organizations and individuals will collectively discuss common concerns as well as highlight successes in building stronger communities.

### Every Patient Matters

Secretary Solis joined Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Kaiser Permanente Chairman George Halvorson, Greater New York Hospital Association CEO Ken Raske, and SEIU Chair Dennis Rivera at "Every Patient Matters," a campaign sponsored by the Partnership for Quality Care (PQC). The event featured 10,000 surgical scrubs inscribed with personal stories.



---

## Spotlight on States: Delaware

Today, the Department announced that General Motors workers in Wilmington, Del., are eligible to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance. "This announcement is a step forward and an opportunity for many Delawareans who lost their jobs at General Motors in Wilmington to re-enter the workforce in promising, regional industries," said Vice President Joe Biden. Case management and re-employment services, training in new occupational skills and trade readjustment allowances are among the many resources available to GM workers covered by this TAA certification.

- [Read the News Release](#)

---

## Opportunities are Open: IT Positions

Want a career that makes a difference in the lives of working families? The U.S. Department of Labor may be the place for you. Our Information Technology team seeks professionals with experience in systems administration, interface management and more! Explore the three IT opportunities listed below or [view all](#) the exciting and rewarding DOL positions.

1. Position in Washington DC Metro Area, DC  
[Supervisory Information Technology Specialist \(APPSW\) — Grade 14](#)  
DE-09-BLS-OT-190  
Close: 10/09/09
2. Position in Washington DC Metro Area, DC  
[Information Technology Specialist \(SYSANALYSIS/PLCYPLN\) — Grade 12](#)  
DE-09-BLS-OT-192  
Close: 10/02/2009
3. Position in Washington DC Metro Area, DC  
[IT Specialist \(Policy and Planning\) — Grade 13/14](#)  
CFO 09-138M  
Close: 6/14/2010