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Mrs. Carter is in the Building!

On Thursday, Secretary Solis and Assistant Secretary for the Employee Benefits Security Administration Phyllis Borzi met with former First Lady



Rosalynn Carter to discuss the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008. Mrs. Carter was instrumental in the passage of this legislation, which requires health plans that offer mental health coverage to have the same benefits, copayments, and treatment limits as other types of health care. Secretary Solis took the opportunity to personally thank Mrs. Carter for her leadership in helping to end discrimination against individuals with mental illness and increasing public awareness around access to mental health care. Recently, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and the Treasury jointly issued new rules providing parity for consumers enrolled in group health plans who need treatment for mental health or substance use disorders.

What's Hot

Maryland is the First State in 2010 to Receive UI Modernization Funding

Secretary Solis joined Governor Martin O'Malley and members of Maryland's congressional delegation on Thursday to announce that "The Free State" is the first to receive funding through the Unemployment Insurance Modernization Incentive program. Maryland will receive \$126.8 million to pay benefits, and if appropriated by the state legislature, to administer its UI program. The state received funding after updating its unemployment insurance laws to allow more workers to be eligible for benefits, including new provisions that allow recent entrants to the workforce, part-time workers and individuals who are upgrading their skills to apply for UI. Approximately \$4 billion remains unclaimed for other states that amend their UI laws to serve more workers.

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Solis Named to Space Jobs Task Force

Secretary Solis has been named by President Obama to a task force that will develop a multi-agency \$40 million job-creation plan for the Florida Space Coast. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke and NASA Administrator Charles Bolden will serve as co-chairs of the team, which also includes Defense Secretary Robert Gates and the head of the Small Business Administration, among others. The goal is to find ways to lessen the severity of the potential loss of 9,000 jobs at Kennedy Space Center after the space shuttle finishes its final three missions scheduled for this year.

- [Read the Presidential Memorandum](#)

Students, STEM and Success



How cool are astronauts!! On Wednesday, Secretary Solis hosted a panel discussion exploring the challenges Latinos face in pursuing science, technology,

engineering and math (STEM) careers. Panelists included, José M. Hernández, NASA astronaut; Dr. Leo Estrada, professor and demographer at the University of California, Los Angeles; Anna Solis, project manager at Fluor Enterprises; Sarita Brown, president of Excelencia in Education; and Jane Oates, DOL assistant secretary for employment and training. Hernández (a.k.a. "Astronaut José") told a personal story of moving from school to school as the child of farm workers and how this impacted his education. He spoke about finding inspiration in watching Franklin Chang-Díaz become the first Latino astronaut and finding refuge in math because, as he said "1+1= 2 in any language."

DOL Working for You

DOL Funding Helps Alabaman Succeed in Health Care

Forty-eight-year-old Linda Gilliam (pictured on the right) is a step closer to becoming a home health care professional thanks to a one-year grant provided by the Labor Department.



Gilliam, who has successfully overcome both substance abuse and various stages of unemployment, has completed her home health care studies at iCADEMY Prep, a training program held on the Jefferson State Community College campus in Pell City, Alabama. The program is funded through the Recovery Act.

Gilliam hopes to eventually complete a two-year college course to become a registered nurse so she "can help someone else down the road." iCADEMY Prep training gave Linda "direction, self esteem and lifted her up," said the program's career counselor Christine McLain (left).

Students across the nation had a unique opportunity to submit question online to the panel of experts via web chat.

- [Watch the Video](#)
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May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

May marks Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. "Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have faced challenges and struggles here in the United States. Many encountered racial, social, and religious



discrimination. These brave men and women stood up for what they believed to be right and our country is better for it," said Secretary Solis. On Monday, May 10 from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. the department will host a panel discussion moderated by Secretary Solis, featuring Yul Kwon, Deputy Chief, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at the Federal Communications Commission (you might also know him from "Survivor"); Patricia Shiu, Director of DOL's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs; and Phil Tom, Director for DOL's Center of Faith-Based & Neighborhood Partnerships.

- [Read the Presidential Proclamation](#)
- [Read the Secretary's Statement](#)
- [View the Invitation](#)

Protecting Young Workers



DOL representatives to the Federal Network for Young Worker Safety & Health (FedNet) met in Arlington, Va. last week to discuss

reducing the risk of occupational injuries and illnesses among workers between the ages of 14-24. The group's work includes looking for ways to protect children of agricultural workers from overexposure to the sun when they accompany their parents to the fields (since they can not afford daycare), to the development of a pocket guide on silo safety following the death of a young worker in a grain elevator. The 11 federal agencies making up FedNet develop strategies and resources to offer education, training and

News You Can Use

Be a Star in Your Career – DOL Career Video Challenge

You might know what career you want to pursue, but do you really know what the job looks like? The department's Career Video Challenge is going to show you. Between May 10 and June 18, we are asking members of the public to create and submit short videos that provide a glimpse into the day-to-day work in 15 high-wage, in-demand occupations. In July, we will ask you to choose which videos you like best. In August we will announce the winners who will each receive a \$1,000 prize. This is your chance to get national recognition for the work that you do, help other workers make important career decisions, and maybe even win some cash.

- [Check Out the Challenge and Learn More](#)

Calls for Public Hearings in Mine Explosion Answered

The mining community's clarion call for public hearings in the investigation of the Upper Big Branch Mine explosion has been answered. The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) announced that it plans to hold a series of public meetings in an effort to create a transparent forum as investigators determine what caused the worst mining disaster in 40 years. "This approach is being driven by a commitment to learn what caused the explosion that claimed 29 miners' lives, a commitment to transparency and openness, and a commitment to ensure that MSHA's investigation does not impede any potential or ongoing criminal investigations into the blast," said Assistant Secretary for MSHA Joseph A. Main.

- [Read the News Release](#)

VETS Jamming for Jobs

Secretary Solis and Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training Service Ray Jefferson participated in the Veterans Success Jam, a three day online brainstorming event for veterans, nonprofit organizations, government agencies and others to discuss ways to ensure educational and vocational success for veterans and transitioning service members. The event focused on the role of higher education in the successful reintegration of veterans, and included thousands of participants from coast to coast. As part of the Jam, Assistant Secretary Jefferson hosted a forum on Launching Your Next Career. The event was sponsored by the American Council on Education and The Kresge Foundation.

Around DOL

DOL Honors Public Servants

"Thank you. No words can capture everything you do, but these two words reflect our gratitude for what you do," said Secretary Solis in praise and gratitude of the nation's public servants. Since 1985, Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW) has been a nationwide effort to honor the men and women who serve as government employees and to celebrate public employees who put service above self. "Federal, state and local government employees devote their time and energy to the American people and our country," stated President Barack Obama. "Their dedication and expertise are vital to our Nation, and my administration is committed to drawing the best and brightest to government service." This year's theme, "Innovation and Opportunity," highlighted the breadth of inventive work being done in the government sector. Check out next week's newsletter for photos of DOL's best and brightest at the National PSRW event on the National Mall.



outreach that ensures young workers are aware of their right to a safe workplace and that employers meet their responsibility to provide it.

- [Learn More About FedNet](#)

Health & Safety in Oil Cleanup

On Monday, Assistant Secretary for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) David Michaels was on the ground in



Louisiana leading an effort to protect workers from the hazards of oil spill cleanup. These workers often face exposure to oil byproducts and dispersants deployed to mitigate the spill, as well as other environmental hazards such as insects, snakes and other wild species native to the impacted areas. Heat illness, drowning and falls are also of concern. "Our job is to work proactively so that measures are taken to ensure the safety of cleanup workers," said Michaels. "OSHA will monitor training, observe clean-up efforts and provide whatever assistance is needed to BP and its contractors."

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- [View the Slideshow](#)

Solis Commemorates Trafficking Victims Protection Act

Secretary Solis kicked off this week by delivering the keynote speech at the Department of Justice's 2010 National Conference on Human Trafficking. The event commemorated the tenth anniversary of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act — legislation that provides the tools to combat human trafficking nationally and abroad. More than 800 federal, state and local law enforcement officers; victim service providers; state and federal prosecutors; and experts from around the country shared their experiences identifying and assisting victims of human trafficking, as well as the investigation and prosecution process. Solis concluded, "As a nation and as members of the global community, we reject the opposition that it is acceptable to pursue economic gain through the exploitation of human beings. Allowing these abusive practices to persist only slows development and undermines decent employment, both here and abroad."

- [Read the Legislation](#)
- [Read the Secretary's Remarks](#)

ILO Committee Back in Business

After a ten year hiatus, Secretary Solis chaired the first meeting since 2000 of the President's Committee on the International Labor Organization (ILO). "I am pleased to bring this important group back to life," she said. "Re-

DOL Receives High Marks for Open Government Plan



On Monday, a coalition of organizations working to promote government transparency released their initial assessments of federal agency's Open Government Plans. DOL was recognized for having one of the strongest plans, scoring 54 out of 58 points. This outside audit -- led by [Openthegovernment.org](#) -- follows on the heels of the White House updating its Open Government Directive Dashboard to include self assessments from each of the agencies. DOL is already taking steps to implement its plan. We want to hear your comments and suggestions. Share your view for a more "open" U.S. Department of Labor.

- [Read the Openthegovernment.org Plan Assessments](#)
- [View the White House Dashboard](#)
- [View DOL's Open Gov't Page](#) and [Comment](#)

Recovery Highlights

Oates Visits with CA Students

On Monday, Assistant Secretary of Employment and Training Jane Oates joined Rep. George Miller (California, 7th District) during a tour of the Recovery Act funded RichmondBUILD III training facility in Richmond, CA. The facility offers pre-apprenticeship construction skills and green jobs training programs and was developed to



create employment and career opportunities for area residents. During her visit, Oates spoke with YouthBuild students working on a solar panel installation program and had the opportunity to view a 1,200 square-foot house that was built using green building standards and energy efficient materials. Later that day, she joined Rep. Barbara Lee (California, 9th District) and students at Laney College in Oakland on a tour of the college. While there, she discussed the role that training programs have played in connecting students with pathways to green jobs.

- [View the Slideshow](#)

DOL Reaches Out to Workers in Oregon's Air Filtration Industry

The department has provided a \$459,844 National Emergency Grant to assist 80 workers impacted by layoffs at Cleanpak International Inc. in Clackamas, Ore. The grant will provide all of these workers with access to services, including dependent care, as well as transportation assistance. These services will help workers pursue training and employment through a previously approved Trade Adjustment Assistance petition.

- [Read the News Release](#)

DOL in Action

Joint Declaration: DOL and Mexican Embassy



Secretary Solis and Mexican Ambassador to the US Arturo Sarukhan signed a joint declaration on Tuesday pledging to work collaboratively to inform Mexican workers in the United States about their labor rights. The declaration brings DOL together with the Embassy of Mexico and its consular network in the United States for the common goal of

better educating workers about the laws that protect them. "By signing this

starting this committee shows the world that the United States takes the ILO and international labor standards seriously." The committee consists of the Secretaries of Labor, State and Commerce, the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, president of the AFL-CIO and president of the U. S. Council for International Business. A key component of the committee's work will be reviewing ILO conventions for possible U.S. ratification.

- [Read the News Release](#)

NAACP in the Motor City



Last weekend in Detroit, Michigan, Secretary Solis addressed more than 8,000 members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

(NAACP) in Cobo Hall. This is the same place where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. concluded his speech with the "I have a dream" passage that would later be immortalized during the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Justice. Reminding the audience that while there may be a tendency to think that discrimination is no longer a serious problem in the U.S. today, Secretary Solis said. "make no mistake – discrimination is very real in America. I believe that the first thing we need to do is to make the words of the NAACP charter a reality and eradicate prejudice, bigotry and discrimination among citizens of the United States."

- [Read the Secretary's Remarks](#)
- [View the Slideshow](#)

Registered Apprenticeship Program Highlighted on CNN

The department's Registered Apprenticeship program took center-stage on CNN's ongoing "Where the Jobs Are" series last week. The show focused on a South Carolina-based Bosch Rexroth manufacturing program and Registered Apprenticeship's 'earn while you learn' approach to training for 21st century skills. Through the Bosch Rexroth program, apprentices work by night and attend Greenville Technical College (Greenville, SC) by day to gain advanced manufacturing skills. The news piece detailed the career opportunities that DOL Registered Apprenticeship programs provide and the benefits employers reap from training their own employees for the skills they demand. The CNN segment also highlights the changing face of today's manufacturing workers, with companies now recruiting highly-skilled employees with advanced aptitude in math, communications and machining.

- [Watch the Video](#)
- [Learn More About the Registered](#)

joint declaration we are reaffirming our commitment to ensuring that the rights of Mexican workers in the United States are respected, that employers comply with workplace laws and regulations, and that workers are aware of the laws that protect them," said Secretary Solis. Later Solis was honored with the Ohtli award, a medal that takes its name from the ancient Mexican word meaning "pathway," and is given to individuals who create opportunities for Mexicans living abroad.

- [Read the Secretary's Remarks](#)
- [View the Slideshow](#)
- [Read the Joint Declaration](#)

\$1.3 Million for Disaster Recovery Efforts in Indiana

The department has announced a \$1.3 million National Emergency Grant supplemental award to continue recovery efforts from the devastation caused by the 2008 storms and flooding in Indiana. These funds will be awarded to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and used to create more temporary jobs to assist in clean-up efforts. The majority of the new temporary jobs will be created in Johnson County, a particularly hard-hit area.

- [Read the News Release](#)

\$1.2 Million Grant to Assist Utah Aerospace Industry Layoffs

More than \$1.2 million will assist 200 workers affected by layoffs at ATK Launch Systems in Corinne, Utah, thanks to the Labor Department. "The planned retirement of the space shuttle is already having negative impacts on workers around the country, including these individuals in Utah," said Secretary Solis. This grant will be awarded to and operated by the Utah Department of Workforce Services. Of the \$1,234,762 announced, \$616,165 will be released initially, with additional funding made available as the state demonstrates a continued need for assistance.

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4,700 Workers in 12 States Eligible to Apply for TAA

Approximately 4,700 workers in 12 states — Florida, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin — are eligible to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA), DOL announced this week. "Trade Adjustment Assistance will allow these workers to access the employment and training services they need to prepare for good jobs in promising industries," said Secretary Solis. Workers covered by these latest TAA certifications will be contacted by their respective states with instructions on how to apply for individual benefits and services, including case management and re-employment services, training in new occupational skills and income support. Some workers may also receive job search and relocation allowances and the Health Coverage Tax Credit.

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DOL Targets Incarcerated Vets in Grant Competition

DOL's Veterans' Employment and Training Service announced a \$4 million competition to fund Incarcerated Veterans Transition Program grants designed to assist eligible incarcerated and/or transitioning incarcerated veterans who are at risk of homelessness. The grantees selected will provide services to incarcerated veterans at one or more levels of the correctional system (federal, state, and local). Efforts will be designed to be flexible in addressing the national, regional and local issues that prevent veterans from returning to the workforce after incarceration. The closing date for receipt of applications is June 4, 2010.

- [Read the News Release](#)

Borzi Talks Reform

Assistant Secretary for the Employee Benefits Security Administration Phyllis Borzi provided an update on the agency's regulatory agenda to employee benefit practitioners



attending the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans in Washington, D.C. Borzi discussed the status of regulatory projects on investment advice, lifetime income option, and implementation of health care reform among other critical issues. She also noted that many of the agency's projects are in various stages of the regulatory process and encouraged the audience to share their views on regulatory initiatives by participating in the public comment process and agency webchats. Three regulatory projects, whose comment periods end this week, have already resulted in more than 5,000 public comments.

- [Read the Web Chat Archives](#)

Biden and Oates Go to College

The best way to a "college tour?" Take Dr. Jill Biden (a lifelong educator with a doctorate in education from the University of Delaware, and wife of Vice President Joe Biden) along with you! Assistant Secretary of Employment and Training Jane Oates did just that last week when she joined Dr. Biden on a visit to two community colleges in the Denver, Colorado area. The first stop, Arapahoe Community College, included a tour of the school's automotive technology program. There students are learning what it takes to service the new generation of hybrid vehicles. Many are currently employed by local car dealerships as mechanics while they complete their education. Biden and Oates also visited Red Rocks Community College in Arvada, Colorado to visit students who are studying renewable energy technology. Dr. Biden currently teaches English at Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria, Va.

2010 Good Jobs, Green Jobs

"Green jobs are good jobs!" That was the message Secretary Solis brought to members of the Blue Green Alliance at their annual conference titled, "2010 Good Jobs, Green Jobs National Conference." The conference brought together a diverse group working to build a green economy across the country, from union members in clean energy jobs, to environmentalists working to preserve America's environmental security, to business leaders who are laying the foundation for the clean energy economy. "Green jobs can rebuild our communities more equitably, including all

MSHA Sets Up W.Va. Hotline

In the wake of the April 5th explosion that killed 29 miners at the Upper Big Branch Mine in Raleigh County, W.Va., federal investigators are seeking any information that may lead to the cause of the worst coal mine disaster in 40 years. The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) has set up a toll-free hotline for people to provide information relevant to the investigation. This anonymous tip line (877-827-3966) will be monitored by a special team whose main function is to follow up on every caller's concerns and, when appropriate, forward the caller's information to the accident investigation team. "We need to use every available tool to establish the cause of this tragedy," said MSHA Assistant Secretary Joseph A. Main.

- [Read the News Release](#)

Secretary Solis: 'A single child labor violation is one too many.'

On Wednesday, Secretary Solis commented on a newly released report from the Human Right Watch that details the many dangerous jobs that U.S. farm worker children perform. "I commend Human Rights Watch for focusing on this issue of critical importance. We simply cannot — and this administration will not — stand by while youngsters working on farms are robbed of their childhood," said Solis. "As far as this administration is concerned, a single child labor violation is one too many. We will not tolerate it."

- [Read the News Release](#)

Mine Inspection Blitz Leads to Halted Coal Production

Federal mine inspectors launched a nationwide blitz of 57 underground coal mines last month. The outcome? Six Kentucky coal mines received numerous citations and closure orders and were forced to suspend production until the violations were corrected. In addition, two of those operations were sued by the Labor Department for illegally providing advance notice of a federal inspector's presence on mine property, a clear violation of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977. "After last month's tragic reminder of the consequences of failing to make safety a priority, it is appalling that these operations continued to flout fundamental safety and health standards," said Joseph A. Main, assistant secretary for mine safety and health. "Mine operators have a responsibility to provide for the safety and health of the miners they employ, and too many of the mines we inspected are failing to take that responsibility seriously."

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OSHA Wants Your Input on Regulatory Actions

As part of its Spring 2010 regulatory agenda, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is holding stakeholder meetings for three new regulatory projects. The first is to gather input on a proposed Injury and Illness Prevention Program standard. This proposal would require employers to develop a plan to identify the hazards present in their worksites and address them before they cause an injury, illness, or death. The next meeting asks for input on modernizing OSHA's current injury and illness recordkeeping regulation. "These informal stakeholder meetings and written comments from stakeholders will help give OSHA direction to develop innovative ideas that will allow employers, workers and researchers to participate in improving occupational safety and health through the use of occupational injury and illness data," said OSHA Assistant Secretary Michaels. The last meeting is to solicit information and comments on occupational exposure to infectious agents in settings where health care is provided, including hospitals, outpatient clinics, clinics in schools and correctional facilities; and health care related settings, including laboratories that handle potentially infectious biological materials, medical examiner offices and mortuaries.

Americans regardless of socio-economic background," Secretary Solis told a crowd of nearly 1000 people. "Our workers are our nation's most valuable asset and it is critical that as we invest in clean energy jobs, we ensure they are good jobs for everyone."

- [Read the Secretary's Remarks](#)

Safety @ Work



Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Jordan Barab kicked-off North American

Occupational Safety and Health Week at the Frances Perkins Building on Monday. In his remarks, he emphasized that every worker deserves to go home safe and healthy at the end of the workday. He also stated that OSHA is working to fulfill Secretary Solis' vision of "Good Jobs For Everyone" — bearing in mind that "no job is a good job unless it's a safe job." OSHA's new rule on having employers "Plan, Prevent and Protect" was also discussed during the event. This initiative encourages employers to identify and reduce, or entirely prevent hazards ahead of an OSHA inspection or workplace injury. A special feature of the program was Q&A with the young students in the audience who designed the posters circulated nationwide as part of the 2010 NAOSH Week campaign.

- [Read the Remarks](#)
- [View the Slideshow](#)

Upcoming Deadlines & Events

Open Grant Opportunities

EBSA — COBRA Compliance Workshop

- [May 11, 2010 — Anchorage, AK](#)

EBSA — Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program Workshop

- [May 18, 2010 \(AM\) — Portland, OR](#)
- [May 18, 2010 \(PM\) — Portland, OR](#)

MSHA — Public Meeting on Mine Emergency Preparedness and Response

- [May 11, 2010 — Beaver, WV](#)

OFCCP — AAP Development & Preparing for a Desk Audit

- [May 13, 2010 — Baltimore, MD](#)

OFCCP — ADA and Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended

- [Read the Injury and Illness Prevention Program Release](#)
- [Read the Recordkeeping Modernization Stakeholder Meetings Release](#)
- [Read the Infectious Disease Release](#)

\$7.4 Million to Reduce Violence and Improve Educational Outcomes

Earlier this week, the department announced \$7.4 million in additional funding to nine high schools that have been deemed persistently dangerous by state educational agencies. "Every good job begins with a good education, and all students deserve to pursue that education in a safe environment," said Secretary Solis. "These grants will promote the type of learning environment that will help get students on the track to personal and professional success." The goal of the grants is to reduce violence within select schools through a combination of mentoring, educational, employment, case management and violence prevention strategies. Expected outcomes for the initiative include decreased dropout rates, a reduction in school violence, and improved student behavior and academic performance.

- [Read the News Release](#)

Updated Advanced Manufacturing Competency Model Released

The department's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has released an updated version of the Advanced Manufacturing Competency Model. "Since the release of the original Advanced Manufacturing Competency Model, the skills required of the manufacturing workforce have continued to evolve," said Assistant Secretary of Employment and Training Jane Oates. "ETA and its industry partners have worked to update the model so that it accurately reflects the current skill needs of the manufacturing workforce. This effort includes the recognition that knowledge of sustainable and green processes and technologies are now an important part of the advanced manufacturing skill set."

- [Read the News Release](#)
- [Read the Updated Competency Model](#)

NIOSH Panel to Examine MSHA Internal Review

Last month, the Labor Department asked the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) to create an independent team of occupational safety experts to examine the process and outcomes of the Mine Safety and Health Administration's internal review in the wake of the explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine. This week, NIOSH announced the members of that panel — Lewis V. Wade, Ph.D., former senior science advisor to the Director of NIOSH; Michael J. Sapko, M.S., retired NIOSH senior physical scientist; Alison D. Morantz, Ph.D., J.D., M.Sc., Associate Professor of Law; John A. Wilson, Distinguished Faculty Scholar at the Stanford Law School; and NIOSH Director John Howard, M.D., J.D. "I am confident that this distinguished panel of occupational safety experts will help assure accountability and transparency as we work toward understanding the circumstances surrounding the explosion at the Upper Big Branch Mine," Secretary Solis said.

- [Read the News Release](#)

Spotlight on States: Minnesota

More Than \$5 Million to Help Minnesota Workers

In an effort to help Minnesotans who are in need of employment and training services, the department has announced a \$5,527,108 National Emergency Grant. These funds will allow the state to serve individuals who have been placed on waiting lists due to statewide funding shortages.

Seminar

- [May 14, 2010 — Richmond, VA](#)

OFCCP — Compliance Assistance Supply & Service Seminar

- [May 10, 2010 — Boston, MA](#)

OFCCP — Public Forum

- [May 12, 2010 — Louisville, KY](#)
- [May 18, 2010 — Dallas, TX](#)

OFCCP — Regulatory Overview - New England Expo for Business

- [May 18, 2010 — Boston, MA](#)

OLMS — LMRDA Seminar

- [May 11, 2010 — Madison, WI](#)
- [May 18, 2010 — Pewaukee, WI](#)
- [May 18, 2010 — Mandan, ND](#)

OLMS — Trustee Workshop

- [May 12, 2010 — Albany, NY](#)
- [May 14, 2010 — Buffalo, NY](#)

WHD — Prevailing Wage Conference

- [May 17-20, 2010 — Guam](#)

Services may include skills assessment, basic skills training, individual career counseling and occupational skills training. The grant will also be used to continue to assist dislocated workers currently receiving employment services and occupational training.

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Opportunities are Open: Uncle Sam Wants You!

This week, the nation celebrates Public Service Recognition Week to honor the essential services government employees provide everyday. Join the department and help us make a difference in the lives of working families. Explore the positions below or [view all](#) the exciting and rewarding opportunities at DOL.

1. Position in Omaha, NE
[Apprenticeship and Training Representative — GS-0243-13/13](#)
DE-10-CHI-ETA-0091
Close: 05/10/2010
2. Position in Dallas, TX
[Public Affairs Specialist \(English/Spanish\) — GS-1035-12/13](#)
DE-10-DAL-OPA-0141
Close: 05/17/2010
3. Position in Charleston, WV
[Supervisory Veterans' Program Specialist — GS-0301-13/13](#)
DE-10-PHIL-VETS-0065
Close: 06/14/2010

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