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Dear Congressional Staff:

The Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), along with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), will convene a **National Action Summit for Latino Worker Health and Safety** this week!

Latino immigrant workers comprise almost one quarter of the construction industry workforce and suffer the highest rate of construction-related deaths. The conference will target high-risk industries that employ large numbers of Latino workers, primarily in the construction industry, and bring together non-traditional partners to address these problems. The conference will showcase innovative partnerships, demonstrate successful education and training strategies, and develop effective enforcement and communication strategies. Labor Secretary Hilda L. Solis will give the keynote address to kickoff the Summit on April 14th. Visit <http://www.osha.gov/latinosummit/index.html> to learn more about the **event**.

Date: April 14-15, 2010

Location: Hilton Americas Hotel in Houston, Texas

Who: The Department of Labor, OSHA, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

Registration: Congressional staff who are interested in attending the conference should contact Laura de la Torre at Delatorre.laura@dol.gov.

****New Event**:** **Department of Labor Safety & Worker Rights Fair** will take place on Saturday April 17, 2010 at the George R. Brown Convention Center!

The fair is open to ALL and does not require registration. Congressional staff, constituents, workers, and employers are invited to come on Saturday and meet with local, state, federal, and community organizations to learn about worker and family safety awareness. This FREE event will include construction hazard demonstrations, worker rights information and resources, games for children, family safety training, and health/medical services.

Visit <http://www.wecanhelphouston.org/> to learn more about this recently added event to the Summit.

For more information, visit <http://www.osha.gov> or contact Laura de la Torre in the Department of Labor's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs at (202) 693-4600 or at Delatorre.laura@dol.gov.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing a safe and healthful workplace for their employees. OSHA's role is to assure safe and healthful working conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance.