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## US Labor Secretary Solis announces more than $78 million for National Farmworker Jobs Program

**LOS ANGELES** — During a visit to Olvera Street in Los Angeles, U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis today announced $78,410,000 in grant funds through the National Farmworker Jobs Program. The program provides training and employment services to migrant and seasonal farmworkers. It is authorized by the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and is designed to counter the impact of chronic unemployment and underemployment experienced by migrant and seasonal farmworkers who depend primarily on agricultural labor jobs.

"Farmworkers do so much for families and for the nation's economy as a whole. These hard working members of our community deserve our support," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "Today's grants are an opportunity to help these workers as they upgrade their skills to improve their chances of advancement in their current employment or seek opportunities in other industries."

The National Farmworker Jobs Program provides funding to community-based organizations and public agencies that assist farmworkers and their families in attaining greater economic stability. This goal is accomplished by helping farmworkers acquire new job skills in occupations that offer higher wages and more stable employment. Workers may also upgrade their existing agricultural job skills. In addition to skills training, the program provides support services that help farmworkers participate in training programs or retain their agriculture employment.

Services provided to farmworkers include skills assessments, job search assistance, basic education remediation and case management. Workers may also access occupational skills and training, including on-the-job training. In addition, the program provides services such as child care, health care and transportation that help workers keep their current jobs or successfully complete training programs.

Of the 50 states, 48 each have one grantee. California has five grantees. There are no grantees in Alaska. National Farmworker Jobs Program grants are awarded every two years. Today's grants are continuations of 2009 funding.

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**Editor's Note:** A complete list of grantees is below.

**National Farmworker Jobs Program Program Year 2010 Grant Allocations (by state) Training Grants**

| Company | City | State | Grant Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| Telamon Corp. | Milbrook | Ala. | $793,513 |
| Portable Practical Educational Preparation Inc. | Tucson | Ariz. | $2,136,850 |
| Arkansas Human Development Corp. | Little Rock | Ark. | $1,147,148 |
| Employers Training Resource, Kern County | Bakersfield | Calif. | $2,112,183 |
| Center for Employment and Training | San Jose | Calif. | $8,224,914 |
| Central Valley Opportunity Center Inc. | Winton | Calif. | $1,931,699 |
| California Human Development Corp. | West Sacramento | Calif. | $3,797,936 |
| Proteus Inc. | Visalia | Calif. | $3,958,135 |
| Rocky Mountain SER/Jobs for Progress Inc. | Denver | Colo. | $1,001,990 |
| New England Farmworker Council Inc. | Hartford | Conn. | $353,119 |
| Telamon Corp. | Milford | Del. | $127,170 |
| Florida Department of Education | Tampa | Fla. | $4,154,329 |
| Telamon Corp. | Macon | Ga. | $1,535,300 |
| Maui Economic Opportunity Inc. | Wailuku | Hawaii | $331,147 |
| Community Council of Idaho Inc. | Caldwell | Idaho | $1,076,981 |
| Illinois Migrant Council | Chicago | Ill. | $1,440,083 |
| Telamon Corp. | Indianapolis | Ind. | $925,377 |
| Proteus Inc. | Des Moines | Iowa | $1,178,998 |
| SER Corp. | Wichita | Kan. | $1,077,090 |
| Kentucky Farmworker Program Inc. | Bowling Green | Ky. | $1,213,279 |
| Motivation Education and Training Inc. | Hammond | La. | $912,607 |
| Eastern Maine Development Corp. | Bangor | Maine | $293,671 |

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| Telamon Corp. | Salisbury | Md. | $363,241 |
| New England Farmworker Council Inc. | Springfield | Mass. | $322,677 |
| Telamon Corp. | Lansing | Mich. | $1,402,076 |
| Motivation Education and Training Inc. | Rochester | Minn. | $1,236,518 |
| Mississippi Delta Council for Farmworker Opportunity Inc. | Clarksdale | Miss. | $1,299,776 |
| United Migrant Opportunity Services Inc. | Independence | Mo. | $987,830 |
| Rural Employment Opportunities Inc. | Helena | Mont. | $598,460 |
| NAF Multicultural Human Development Corp. | North Platte | Neb. | $1,090,385 |
| Nevada Human Development Corp. | Winnemucca | Nev. | $180,111 |
| New England Farmworker Council Inc. | Manchester | N.H. | $102,135 |
| PathStone Inc. | Vineland | N.J. | $697,644 |
| HELP - New Mexico | Albuquerque | N.M. | $948,629 |
| PathStone Inc. | Rochester | N.Y. | $1,660,028 |
| Telamon Corp. | Raleigh | N.C. | $2,696,352 |
| Motivation Education and Training Inc. | Fargo | N.D. | $608,709 |
| Pathstone Inc. | Liberty Center | Ohio | $1,262,429 |
| ORO Development Corp. | Oklahoma City | Okla. | $1,275,243 |
| Oregon Human Development Corp. | Tigard | Ore. | $1,975,875 |
| PathStone Inc. | Harrisburg | Pa. | $1,547,985 |
| PathStone Inc. | Adjuntas | P.R. | $3,064,488 |
| New England Farmworker Council Inc. | *see Connecticut grantee* | R.I. | $38,774 |
| Telamon Corp. | Columbia | S.C. | $968,843 |
| Black Hills Special Services Cooperative | Sturgis | S.D. | $621,497 |
| Tennessee Opportunity Programs Inc. | Smyrna | Tenn. | $859,136 |
| Motivation Education and Training Inc. | New Caney | Texas | $6,686,415 |
| Private Industry Council Inc./Futures Through Training | Ogden | Utah | $289,793 |
| PathStone Inc. | Jeffersonville | Vt. | $191,180 |
| Telamon Corp. | Richmond | Va. | $929,676 |
| Opportunities Industrial Center of Washington | Yakima | Wash. | $3,096,281 |
| Telamon Corp. | Martinsburg | W.Va. | $196,732 |
| United Migrant Opportunity Services Inc. | Milwaukee | Wis. | $1,253,158 |
| Motivation Education and Training Inc. | Powell | Wyo. | $234,405 |
| ***Total*** | | | ***$78,410,000*** |

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