

Two awards were issued to Latino Coalition for Faith & Community Leadership and Public/Private Ventures to support training opportunities for high school dropouts and young adult offenders (ages 18 to 24) nationwide. The two grantees will work in partnership with federal and state correctional agencies, local workforce investment boards and community-based service providers to offer a proven array of academic, employment and other re-entry-focused strategies designed to transform the lives of program participants.

These awards are the result of a competitive process open to national and regional intermediaries with proven experience conducting multi-site projects and serving young adult offenders. Inherent in each award is the understanding that the awardee will be required to competitively select local sub-grantees or program partners to operate the proposed program in a minimum of five high-poverty, high-crime communities in at least two states.

These awards were made available through the fiscal year 2009 Department of Labor Appropriations bill. For more information on Department of Labor training programs, visit <http://www.doleta.gov>.