

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS: High Growth Job Training Initiative

Workforce System Results  
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**U**nder the President's High Growth Job Training Initiative, ETA is investing in national models and demonstrations in each of 14 targeted high growth industries. In addition to the Pathways to Construction Employment grants targeting hurricane-impacted areas with nearly \$10 million, ETA announced 10 other awards worth approximately \$40 million. Highlights include:

## INVESTMENTS IN THE TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY

On October 17, two grants totaling more than \$3.7 million to help address workforce shortages in the transportation industry were announced as part of the President's High Growth Job Training Initiative. These are the first in a series of investments resulting from long-standing consultations between transportation industry leaders and the U.S. Department of Labor. Over 13,300 workers are expected to receive training under these two grants.

## INVESTMENTS IN THE ENERGY INDUSTRY

On December 19, six grants were announced to train workers in Kentucky, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming for careers in the energy industry. The grants are part of a nearly \$27 million investment in support of the oil and gas, mining, nuclear power, and electric utility sectors of the energy industry. Over 8,100 workers are expected to receive training under these six grants.

## Community-Based Job Training Grants

On October 16, 2005, the U.S. Department of Labor awarded \$125 million to 70 community colleges competing for the President's Community-Based Job Training Grants. As part of the national response to Hurricane Katrina, the department gave preference to competitive applications from Gulf Coast and Southeast community colleges whose programs will be critical to rebuilding the regional economy. The primary purpose of the Community-Based Job Training Grants is to build the capacity of community colleges to train workers for the skills required to succeed in high growth, high demand industries. These 70 grants are expected to train approximately 60,000 workers in 40 states: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, West Virginia and Wyoming.