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U.S. Secretary of Labor Chao Awards Nearly \$260 Million for Senior Community Service Employment

WASHINGTON – U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao announced approximately \$260 million in awards today to 18 organizations that will provide on-the-job experience and training to low-income workers age 55 and older. The grants, funded through the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), will help subsidize part-time employment and training in community service positions so that older workers can move to unsubsidized, private sector jobs.

“This investment in seniors will provide needed income assistance, community services and make possible a better quality of life for older, low-income workers and their families,” said Secretary Chao. “These funds are being awarded to organizations with a history of solid service as well as six new service providers who stood out in the grant competition.”

The 18 grantees were selected through a competitive process based on the technical merit of each application. As required by law, Asian and Pacific Islander as well as Indian and Native American organizations were among the grantees selected. The variety of award-winning organizations will serve senior citizens in locales around the country.

“Because of SCSEP, America’s low-income senior citizens can leverage the service they provide their communities to upgrade their skills and pursue new opportunities,” said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training Emily Stover DeRocco. “Seniors participating in these projects will have access to a wide array of services to help qualify them for positions in today’s global economy.”

Today’s announcement includes funding for a smooth transition from current to new service providers, which will start shortly and conclude by October 1, 2006. Services to seniors will continue throughout the transition.

SCSEP is the only federal workforce program targeted to low-income older workers. The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Labor’s Employment and Training Administration through grant agreements with state and eligible organizations. For more information on the department’s employment and training programs, please visit www.doleta.gov.

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NOTE: A complete list of grantees is attached.

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SCSEP PY 2006 Allocation Summary

| Grantee Name <i>(new grantees in italics)</i> | PY 2006 Positions | PY 2006 Award | PY 2006 First Quarter |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| AARP Foundation Programs (AARP) | 9,736 | \$53,100,000 | \$18,514,612 |
| Asociacion Nacional Pro Personas Mayores (ANPPM) | 1,133 | \$6,200,000 | \$1,938,282 |
| Easter Seals, Inc. (ES) | 2,238 | \$12,300,000 | \$4,052,328 |
| Experienc Works, Inc. (EW) | 11,659 | \$64,800,000 | \$21,623,860 |
| <i>Goodwill Industries International, Inc. (GII)</i> | 1,460 | \$8,100,000 | |
| Mature Services, Inc. (MS) | 696 | \$3,800,000 | \$1,390,073 |
| National Able Network, Inc. (NAN) | 777 | \$4,300,000 | \$1,370,010 |
| National Caucus and Center on Black Aged, Inc. (NCBA) | 1,821 | \$10,000,000 | \$3,838,385 |
| National Council on the Aging, Inc. (NCOA) | 3,476 | \$19,200,000 | \$5,504,537 |
| <i>National Urban League, Inc. (NUL)</i> | 1,224 | \$6,700,000 | |
| <i>Quality Career Services, Inc. (QCS)</i> | 205 | \$1,100,000 | |
| Senior Service America, Inc. (SSAI) | 6,993 | \$38,600,000 | \$12,847,287 |
| SER-Jobs for Progress National, Inc. (SER) | 3,515 | \$19,400,000 | \$6,595,810 |
| <i>Vermont Associates for Training & Development, Inc. (VTAS)</i> | 258 | \$1,400,000 | |
| <i>The WorkPlace, Inc. (TWP)</i> | 273 | \$1,500,000 | |
| Asian Pacific and Indian Set-Asides: | | | |
| National Asian Pacific Center on Aging (NAPCA) | 837 | \$4,600,000 | \$1,506,795 |
| <i>Institute for Indian Development, Inc. (IID)</i> | 203 | \$1,100,000 | |
| National Indian Council on Aging, Inc. (NICOA) | 629 | \$3,500,000 | \$1,519,198 |
| | 47,133 | \$259,700,000 | \$80,701,177 |

NOTE 1: In order to respond to congressional concerns regarding enough transition time for incumbent and new grantees, the Department of Labor agreed to extend both the period of response for interested applicants and the transition period. All incumbent grantees received funds to provide services for the first quarter of PY 2006 (July 1, 2006 to September 30, 2006).

NOTE 2: The Forest Service received \$5,134,164 for the first quarter of PY 2006 as an incumbent grantee. The Forest Service did not apply for funds under the current competition.

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