

Gonzalez Applauds Over \$2.5 Million Grant for Alamo Community Colleges

Washington, DC – Today the Department of Labor announced that the Alamo Community College District has been awarded over \$2.5 million as part of the Department's Community-Based Job Training Grant Awards.

"The \$125 million awarded today will create opportunities for working Americans to train for high-demand occupations with the help of our nationwide community college system," said U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. "Our goal is to help workers across the country prepare for and secure good jobs, and with support from these colleges and other critical stakeholders, we'll ensure we reach a broad base of individuals in need."

"Community colleges play an important role in bridging the gap between job training and a successful career," said Congressman Gonzalez, "The Alamo Community Colleges are training our next generation of workers and making a greater investment to serve unemployed and displaced workers. I applaud the Department of Labor for recognizing the potential of these innovative programs."

The Alamo Community College District, through its Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (I-BEST) initiative, is redesigning Alamo College's Allied Health and Green training programs to create an access point and research-based training design to accommodate the growing population of lower-skilled and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) students. The project's work plan leverages the partner agencies' experience recruiting targeted participants while aligning common assessment and training models for health care and green construction programs.

About Community-Based Job Training Grant Awards

The Department of Labor has awarded 41 community colleges and organizations a total of \$125 million to create opportunities for working Americans to train for high-demand occupations with the help of our national community college system. Community-Based Job Training Grants improve the ability of community colleges to train and prepare workers for employment

in high growth and other emerging industries. This round of competitive awards will primarily focus on providing services to workers who are unemployed, dislocated and incumbent workers.