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**"Carreras en Salud" Program Receives U.S. Department of Labor Award**

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**REPORTS** that the highly-successful *Carreras en Salud* (Careers in Health) program once again received national recognition. On July 17, 2008, the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration presented the Fifth Annual Recognition of Excellence Awards in New Orleans during its 2008 Workforce Innovations Conference. The awards recognize talent development programs from around the nation, in five categories, for achieving outstanding success. *Carreras en Salud* competed and won in the "Tapping the Talents of Special Populations in the Workforce" category, which honors programs that provide effective employment services to populations with barriers to employment. Only one Excellence Honoree and two Honorable Mentions were named in each of the five categories. The National Council of La Raza (NCLR), one of HPVEC's partners in the *Carreras en Salud* initiative, was named the winner, and Simon Lopez, Director of Workforce Development at NCLR accepted the award on behalf of NCLR and the other partners of the collaboration, which include the Association House of Chicago, Instituto del Progreso Latino, National Council of La Raza and the Wright College Humboldt Park Vocational Education Center. One of the program completers, Ms. Juana Rodriguez, spoke at the conference and her testimony was received well by conference attendees. Congratulations to this excellent program and its partnership, to all the dedicated personnel working with the program and to the students who are participating in the program at all career pathway levels.

Respectfully Submitted,

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