

### LOS ANGELES COUNTY



## **Department of Economic opportunity**

### **HireLAX Apprenticeship Readiness Program Fact Sheet**

# The HireLAX Apprenticeship

Readiness program prepares for placement into union apprenticeships a diverse group of members from the following communities:

#### **LAX High Impact Area Zip Codes**

90043 90044 90045 90047 90066 90094 90230 90245 90250 90293 90301 90302 90303 90304 90305

#### **Local Zip Codes**

#### BACKGROUND:

County of Los Angeles Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) in partnership with Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), Los Angeles Trade Technical College, Los Angeles Southwest College, and the Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council has launched the HireLAX Apprenticeship Readiness Program. The workforce development program will prepare local residents for skilled craft labor careers to support the \$15 billion capital improvement program at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). Contractors performing work on LAWA projects are expected to exceed 30 percent local participation with a workforce that reflects the diversity of Los Angeles.

#### **PROGRAM FEATURES:**

The HireLAX Apprenticeship Readiness program is a first of its kind collaboration, providing the local community with specialized training, and connecting participants with the contractors who will hire them to be part of the construction teams modernizing LAX. With the HireLAX program, new ways are provided for the local community to take a key role in the re-imagining of LAX, by linking workers to immediate and long-term skilled jobs, and making available the training they need to be successful. The program was developed within the framework of LAWA's Project Labor Agreement (PLA), which is a partnership between LAWA, its contractors and the local construction unions. The PLA requires contractors and unions to refer local workers to the project, and outreach to persons who have not previously qualified to be employed on construction projects, especially minorities and women

The 8-week program is held at Los Angeles Southwest College, with instruction provided by Los Angeles Trade Tech College. Participants receive free training to prepare them for entrance to union apprenticeships. It also includes comprehensive case management provided by DEOs' America's Job Centers of California (AJCCs) to help participants develop soft skills and overcome barriers to employment such as lack of high school diploma or GED, transportation, childcare, homelessness, involvement in the criminal justice system, or lack of access to construction tools and personal protective equipment. Under the HireLAX framework, program graduates are connected with union apprenticeship programs and contractors to begin their construction careers at LAX.





