

WDACS WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AGING & COMMUNITY SERVICES

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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

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BACKGROUND:

County of Los Angeles Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services (WDACS) 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 WDACS' 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.