



Pasco-Hernando Workforce Board, Inc.

Pasco-Hernando Workforce Board Receives Funding Under H-1B Technical Skills Training Grant Competition

Pasco-Hernando Workforce Board is one of 43 recipients of funding under the H-1B Technical Skills Training Grant Competition. Funding will provide education, training and job placement assistance in the high-growth industry of health care.

Brooksville, Florida February 23, 2012 – Pasco-Hernando Workforce Board has been awarded \$1,836,082 in funding as part of the U.S. Department of Labor’s H-1B Technical Skills Training Grant Competition. The funds received through this training grant will be used to increase the access and availability of educational and training programs currently available for employed and unemployed job seekers in the Pasco-Hernando area.

Pasco-Hernando Workforce Board has partnered with Pasco Hernando Community College, who will serve as the primary education provider, and HMA Hospitals, who will serve as the industry consortium member. This multi-level partnership will enable participants to succeed in gaining the skills, knowledge and credentials necessary to meet the growing need for certified health care professionals.

"With the health care industry projected to grow steadily through the next five years, the demand for certified health care professionals must be met" said Jerome Salatino, CEO of Pasco-Hernando Workforce Board. "This grant will go a long way in meeting the training needs of our community and helping to bridge the skills gap in our area."

The H-1B Technical Skills Training Grants are made possible through fees paid by employers to bring skilled foreign workers into the US and are intended to increase the technical skill levels of American workers. Over time, through this training program, businesses would reduce their need to recruit skilled foreign workers.

About Pasco-Hernando Workforce Board

The Pasco Hernando Workforce Board, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that serves Pasco and Hernando counties by administering local workforce development and welfare reform programs as part of the State of Florida and the Federal Government's initiatives.

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