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MAYOR WELCOMES PARTNERS IN LABOR COMPLIANCE TO CITY HALL

LOS ANGELES (April 29, 2008)—Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa addressed more than 100 volunteers today at a certification training for the Joint Labor Compliance Monitoring Program (JLCMP) hosted by the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Contract Administration (BCA) at the Edward R. Roybal session room in downtown City Hall. Construction professionals and members of the building trades attended the two-hour training to get certification and authorization to visit public works construction sites and enforce prevailing wage requirements on behalf of the workers.

“We are grateful for the partnership that we have with the JLCMP volunteers,” said Julie Gutman, Public Works commissioner and labor advisor to Mayor Villaraigosa. “They are a valuable resource to us, supporting our staff that we may effectively decrease the number of labor violations on the numerous public works projects that we manage.”

Inspector of Public Works and BCA director John L. Reamer, Jr. says, “The JLCMP is a great program. It allows the City to protect underpaid employees, bring to justice employers that take advantage, and reward the honest and reputable contractors working on City projects. We are committed to fair treatment in the workplace through the payment of prevailing wage, workers’ compensation, benefits and overtime. With our strength in numbers, we are more effective.”



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The JLCMP is a collaborative effort of BCA and various construction trade organizations and professionals to monitor prevailing wage compliance on construction projects by the City. It is an extension of BCA's Labor Compliance Program that has been recognized by the State as the exemplary local program and recognized by the chief deputy labor commissioner as "the model program by which others should be judged."

The partnership between the City and the volunteers has rendered a successful program. Since 2004, 980 interviews have been conducted by JLCMP representatives, contributing to the more than \$5.1 million that the program has collected in restitutions and fines for over 4,800 workers.

For more information about the JLCMP, please call BCA at (213) 847-1922. To learn about the Department of Public Works, call the Public Affairs Office at (213) 978-0333, email: pao@lacity.org, or visit the web site at www.lacity.org/DPW/dpwhome.htm.

The five-commissioner Board of Public Works manages the Department of Public Works, the City's third largest municipal division. The department oversees the construction, renovation, and operation of public projects such as municipal buildings, streets, bridges, streetlights, water treatment plants, sewers and sidewalks, and provides essential public services like recycling and solid waste management.

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