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FROM: JANE OATES /s/
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SUBJECT: Release and Availability of the Employment and Training Administration Report:
Evaluation of the National Farmworker Jobs Program.

1. **Purpose.** To announce the release and availability of the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) report: *Evaluation of the National Farmworker Jobs Program.*
2. **Background.** The National Farmworker Jobs Program (NFJP) helps eligible migrant and seasonal farmworkers (MSFWs) and their families in achieving greater economic stability. Authorized under Section 167 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, NFJP seeks to counter the impact of the chronic unemployment and underemployment experienced by MSFWs who depend primarily on jobs in agricultural labor. Through the program, ETA awards funding to community-based organizations and public agencies that provide training, employment services, and supportive services to help MSFWs find stable, year-round employment in and outside of agriculture.

In 2010, ETA contracted with Mathematica Policy Research to conduct an evaluation study of the NFJP. This Training and Employment Notice transmits the final report from this evaluation.

3. **Description.** The NFJP evaluation study has three main components. First, case studies of NFJP grantees, based on site visits to nine grantees and local offices, were conducted to learn more about the context in which grantees' operate their partnerships in the community, their approaches for serving MSFWs, and their technical assistance needs. Second, a cross-site analysis was conducted of NFJP administrative data on participant demographic characteristics, services received, and performance outcomes. The third component was a final study report that describes both the key challenges grantees face and promising practices they have implemented.

The final report addresses the following five key research topics:

- 1) What are the main challenges that grantees face in providing services for their clients, and how do grantees address these challenges?
- 2) How are services organized and provided to clients and what variation in these services exists across grantees?
- 3) What technical assistance needs do grantees have?
- 4) What are the main challenges to recordkeeping that grantees face, and what are lessons learned about how to best utilize the recordkeeping system?
- 5) What are the major challenges to meeting performance measures, and what promising practices have grantees implemented to meet the performance measures?

5. **Inquiries.** Questions on the content of the report may be directed to nfjp@dol.gov.

6. **Availability.** To view an abstract of this publication, as well as to download the full report as a PDF, visit the ETA Research Publication Database Web site at: <http://wdr.doleta.gov/research/keyword.cfm>.