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DIRECTIVE: JOB CORPS INFORMATION NOTICE NO. 09-58

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FROM:	LYNN A. INTREPIDI Interim National Director Office of Job Corps
SUBJECT:	National Action Summit for Latino Worker Health and Safety

1. <u>Purpose</u>. To encourage Job Corps centers with a predominantly Latino student population to attend the upcoming National Action Summit for Latino Worker Health and Safety.

2. <u>Background</u>. According to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), immigrant Latino workers account for approximately one-quarter of the construction industry workforce and experience the highest rate of construction-related deaths. In response to this alarming trend, OSHA will hold a National Action Summit for Latino Worker Health and Safety on April 14–15, 2010 at the Hilton Americas Hotel in Houston, Texas. The conference, co-sponsored by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and in partnership with the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, will focus on the construction industry and other high-risk industries employing Latino workers. The goal of the conference is to reduce injuries and illnesses among Latino workers by enhancing knowledge of workplace rights and improving their ability to exercise those rights.

3. <u>Action</u>. Job Corps center directors, safety officers, and career technical training counselors, especially in areas with a large Latino population, are encouraged to attend the National Action Summit for Latino Worker Health and Safety. For more information about the conference agenda, registration fees, and hotel room rates, visit the conference Web site at <u>https://www2.ergweb.com/projects/conferences/osha/register-osha-lwhs.asp</u>. Attendees are encouraged to register no later than March 13 to receive the reduced room rate of \$118 per night.

4. <u>Expiration Date</u>. Until superseded.

5. <u>Inquiries</u>. Direct all inquiries to Marsha Fitzhugh at (202) 693-3099 or

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