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ENGAGING EMPLOYERS

The International Rescue Committee launched a Speakers' Bureau Program, featuring refugees and asylees from Bhutan, Iraq, Iran, and El Salvador. (Contact Kate Evans)

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Untapped potential: Local businesses, refugee community work together to reap benefits (Idaho Business Review, Aug. 31, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/lebedz>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

State Farm Insurance's Youth Advisory Board has made \$5 million in grants available to service-learning projects in the areas of drivers' safety, access to higher education, financial literacy, natural and societal disaster preparedness, and environmental responsibility. Applicants may apply for \$25,000-\$100,000. The deadline is Oct. 2, 2009.

--> <http://www.statefarmyab.com>

The Lawrence Foundation awards grants twice a year to programs that focus on the environment, education, or human services. Non-profit organizations, public schools, and libraries are eligible for this grant. Those interested can apply online using the Common Grant Application. The next deadline is October 31.

--> <http://www.thelawrencefoundation.org/grants/index.php>

LABOR MARKET ANALYSIS

American Apparel will lay off approximately 1,500 factory workers after an audit by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) showed that the employees were not authorized to work in the U.S.

--> <http://tinyurl.com/l79rrx>

Annual Survey Reveals Talent Shortages Continue Despite Current Economy (Manpower, May 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/mcbvey>

Greening of the World of Work (U.S. DOL O*Net, August 2009)

The new report looks at the impact of the green economy on existing occupations and identifies new and emerging green occupations.

--> <http://tinyurl.com/m7deu5>

Unlocking The Treasure Chest Of Labor Market Information: Crucial Information For Job Seekers, Educators, And Employers In A Tough Economy (The Rutgers Heldrich Center, 2009)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/d2lhrs>

RECERTIFICATION

Career Clusters. Restructuring Learning for Student Achievement in a Technologically Advanced. Global Society (Maryland State Dept. of Education, 2007)

--> <http://tinyurl.com/l8v35n>

Doctors in Cuba Start Over in the U.S. (The New York Times, August 4, 2009)

--> <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/08/04/health/04cuba.html>

From Poverty to the Ivy League: A Refugees' Story (NPR's All Things Considered, Aug. 29, 2009)
--> <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=112334064>

SECONDARY MIGRATION

Seeking a 'realistic picture' (Kearny Hub Newspaper, Aug. 29, 2009)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/mt65ja>

Recession and Migration: A New Era for Labor Migration? (International Migration Review, September 2009)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/kwdsdh>

TRANSPORTATION

Refugee bus riders get deal. Transit » Half-price bus pass program may be extended (The Salt Lake Tribune, Sept. 2, 2009)
--> http://www.sltrib.com/slc/ci_13249365

WORKER RIGHTS

Confronting the Gloves-Off Economy: America's Broken Labor Standards and How to Fix Them (Labor and Employment Relations Association, July 2009)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/l4spgt>

EEOC report: JBS plant was biased against Muslims (The Greeley Tribune, Sept. 2, 2009)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/lwgaue>

Low-Wage Workers Are Often Cheated, Study Says (The News York Times, Sept. 1, 2009)
--> <http://tinyurl.com/me44lq>

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