

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES (OCS)
STATUS OF COFA MIGRANT/EMPLOYMENT CORE SERVICES FOR LOW
INCOME PERSONS “U” FUND UTILIZATION
PROGRAM YEAR 2009 – 2010**

In the 2008 Legislative Session, the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) Office of Community Services (OCS) was authorized to spend certain Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) reimbursements on Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants and other qualified low-income persons with the requirement that the agency shall report to the Legislature annually. The DLIR-OCS “U” fund with a \$1,200,000 ceiling remains the mechanism by which DLIR-OCS is reimbursed from funds designated for clients served that qualify under TANF guidelines.

DLIR-OCS executed three performance-based contracts for Case Management and Acculturation Services for Compact of Free Association Migrants Program in June 2009. Contracts were competitively procured via Chapter 103F and executed with: 1) Bay Clinic, Inc., in the amount of \$140,000; 2) Goodwill Industries of Hawaii, Inc., in the amount of \$110,000; and 3) Pacific Gateway Center in the amount of \$300,000. Total amount contracted by DLIR-OCS was \$550,000. In late FY 2010, Bay Clinic, Incorporated, withdrew from the project, concerned that the agency might be violating federal spending laws. Total amount expended in FY 2010 by Goodwill Industries of Hawaii and Pacific Gateway Center was \$306,425. The FY 2010 unused funds, as planned and designated, supplemented the Employment Core Services for Low-Income Persons (ECS-LIP) program.

State funds were used to provide acculturation and referral services to acclimate new residents to their environment here in Hawaii. Contractors collected data on the population demographics, identify key barriers, and assist in the development of new programming concerning this population.

Receipt of payment for each of three service activities will continue to be based on a Milestone Payment System (MPS). To receive payment for each of three milestones, the service provider shall certify appropriate documentation verifying that all tasks, responsibilities, and activities associated with each milestone have been completed which are made available upon request and subject to monitoring by OCS.

The COFA Migrants Program served 3,341 persons. Actual milestone outcomes achieved by program participants include:

<u>Service Activities</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Outreach, Intake and Assessment (Milestone 1 - \$150)	1070	861 clients
Acculturation and Individualized Referral Plan (Milestone 2 - \$150)	980	725 clients
Progress Report and Client Evaluation (Milestone 3 - \$100)	968	684 clients

In accordance with Section §93-16, Hawaii Revised Statutes, a copy of this report will be transmitted to the Legislature.