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DOT Grants \$4 Million to Boost Hazardous Materials Safety Instructor and Employee Training

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood today announced a total of \$4 million in Hazardous Materials Instructor Training (HMIT) grants to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the National Labor College, the International Association of Machinists and the International Chemical Workers to provide hazardous materials training for safety instructors and employees who handle these materials in transportation.

“Ensuring those who provide hazmat training have the best training possible for themselves is critical to improving safety,” said Transportation Secretary LaHood. “These training grants will help protect employees that work in transporting hazardous materials and the communities they travel through.”

Instructors trained under the HMIT grants program are in turn able to offer training to a larger number of hazardous materials employees.

The HMIT grants from the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration are funded by user fees paid by shippers and carriers of certain hazardous materials.

More information on the grants program can be found at:
<http://hazmat.dot.gov/training/state/hmep/hmep.htm>.

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ORGANIZATIONS

GRANT

International Brotherhood of Teamsters	\$1,343,303.00
National Labor College	\$1,376,753.00
International Association of Machinists	\$991,599.00
International Chemical Workers	\$288,345.00
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TOTAL GRANTS	\$4,000,000.00

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