

## CLC, Inc. Honors and Awards

*DOL Regional Administrator's Special Recognition Award* – On June 10, 2004, in Dallas, Texas, CLC received a Special Recognition Award from the DOL Regional Administrator, Joseph C. Juarez. The award was made to CLC “in recognition of goals accomplished as a recipient of a US DOL Demonstration Grant” and in appreciation for “dedication and commitment to Workforce Development.”

*North Central Texas Transitional Workforce Award Nomination* – CLC and Vought Aircraft Industries were nominated by the North Central Texas Workforce Development Board (North Central Texas WorkForce) for the Board's 2005 Transitional Workforce Award. The nomination read as follows:

- “The innovative efforts of Vought Aircraft Industries in Grand Prairie, along with North Central Texas WorkForce Development Board and the Community Learning Center (CLC) in Fort Worth, allowed dislocated workers to train in aircraft structural assembly, a key element of aerospace manufacturing.”
- “Vought and CLC acquired funding from a US Department of Labor grant to focus on the skill sets required to advance the aerospace workforce. While North Texas has been known for its concentration of aerospace companies, the skills of the local labor pool had a shortfall.”
- “The Board selected candidates to attend CLC orientations. As a result, 26 individuals in Johnson and Ellis Counties completed training. All received offers of full-time employment with benefits, and are still employed at Vought.”

Although CLC and Vought did not receive the award, the award nomination constituted an important regional recognition of the value and importance of the AITP-TAPP within the Workforce Development Areas in which it has operated for the past four years. It also reflects the fact that Vought Aircraft Industries has become the principal employer of Dislocated Workers trained through the AITP-TAPP Aircraft Structural Assembly Training Program, whereas it was originally anticipated that the principal employer would be LM Aero. In this regard, 154 (83%) of the 185 AITP-TAPP DW Participant placements from September 20, 2004, through August 28, 2006, were as Aircraft Assemblers at Vought, with retention rates of 97% for 35 days and 78% for six months.

*National Network of Sector Partners (NNSP) 2005 Trailblazer Award* – On November 4, 2005, Pat Lane, Chairman of the CLC Board of Directors, and Angela Traiforos, the CLC Executive Director, accepted the National Network of Sector Partners (NNSP) 2005 Trailblazer Award for Distinguished Sectoral Labor Management Initiatives. Mr. Lane and Ms. Traiforos accepted the award at the NNSP 2005 Annual Conference in Chicago, on behalf of the North Central Texas Aerospace Industry Training Partnership (AITP), made in recognition of the demonstration industry-led, community-collaborative aerospace training programs for dislocated and incumbent workers developed and implemented by CLC and the other AITP members under two grants

from the US Department of Labor over the past four years. The award nomination was made by the AFL-CIO Working for America Institute.

The NNSP Annual Trailblazer Award for Distinguished Sectoral Labor Management Initiative goes to labor management initiatives that have “done an outstanding job in building and promoting industry-specific workforce initiatives and creating opportunities for their workers” and that:

- “Demonstrate advancement and retention strategies for union employees;”
- “Recruit new workers to unionized employment;”
- “Demonstrate strong and innovative labor and management leadership;” and
- “Advocate for policy changes which support sector programming or funding.”

The Trailblazer Award represents the first time that the Community Learning Center and the North Central Texas Aerospace Industry Training Partnership have received formal recognition at the national level as to the value and importance of their industry-led community collaborative approach to addressing workforce development issues in the United States.