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Good food, higher pay

Raising wages helped boost employee morale and productivity at a Richmond restaurant, underscoring Secretary of Labor Tom Perez's belief that paying a living wage, providing paid sick leave and other benefits is good for workers, companies and communities. [Read more...](#)

Labor Rights = Civil Rights

The department's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs [turns 50 this week](#). The agency, responsible for ensuring Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action among federal contractors, will mark the occasion with an event in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 25. [Register](#) to attend in person, or view the live webcast at www.dol.gov/live/.

This #HispanicHeritageMonth let's #RaiseTheWage:

DOL Working For You

Former waitress served justice

19-year-old Meridian Lowe struggled to make ends meet while working at a Philadelphia diner because of her employer's illegal pay practices. Afraid to speak up at the time, she now wants others to know that they have rights.

[Read her story.](#)

National News

- \$39M to help unemployment programs
- Halliburton to pay \$18M to workers
- Funds to fight veteran homelessness
- Missouri foundry cited for lead hazards
- Hazards found at Queens manufacturer
- Read more National News

DOL in Action

- Advocates for vulnerable workers
- Employer workshops in Houston
- Planning and partnering in California
- Safety alliance with technical school
- BLS survey turns 50
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Blog Highlights

A youth movement

Youth2Youth: Partners4Peace was conceived by student leaders to offer solutions at Job Corps centers.

A boost for mine rescue

In the aftermath of a mine fire, explosion or roof collapse, emergency response sites are critical.

Soaring with YouthBuild

In St. Louis, Deputy Secretary Lu toured a YouthBuild program to see firsthand how it fosters success.

Upcoming Events

9.25.15

Celebrate OFCCP's 50th Anniversary — OFCCP

Washington, DC

9.30.15

The Power of Open Data: Ending Child Labor in the Digital Age — ILAB

Washington, DC

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