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## Opportunity in Silicon Valley

While Silicon Valley is known for innovation and entrepreneurship, many also often see it as a symbol of economic inequality. This week, Secretary of Labor Tom Perez met with business leaders and workers there to talk about how we can make sure that the remarkable innovation happening in the region helps [create opportunity](#) for everyone.

## A more secure retirement

One out of three workers does not have access to a retirement savings plan. That's one reason we are proposing a [new program](#) that will provide grants to states and nonprofits to test innovative, more portable approaches to providing retirement and other benefits that will help workers in an ever-changing economy.

## Turning lives around

A family-owned Chicago company is partnering with a foundation dedicated to [helping ex-offenders find jobs](#) because employment offers the best chance at a successful re-entry. The company's president says it makes good business sense, and encourages skeptical employers to take a chance on ex-offenders who want a second chance.

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## DOL Working For You

### South Side story

Bianca Ruvalcaba grew up a stone's throw from the Paul Simon Job Corps Center in the South Side of Chicago. Stuck in a job with no clear path forward, she signed up for the center's carpentry program — and is thrilled with her new career.

[Read her story.](#)

## Blog Highlights

## Joe and John

After a crane collapse killed two linemen, we and their families wanted to make sure other workers are kept safe.

## Getting to work

What good is a job if you can't get there? Accessible transportation is a must for individuals with disabilities.

## Young workers

When employers ignore the rules around what kinds of jobs teens can perform, tragedy can result.

## National News

- Court win for coal dust rule
- Strengthening workforce equality
- FLSA focus on Ga. hotels
- Contractor cited on fall hazards
- Read more National News

## DOL in Action

- 'Conscious capitalism' as a model
- Snowstorm no match for WIOA team
- Job Corps' 'Youth2Youth' initiative
- Sign-up deadline nears for health insurance
- Read more DOL in Action

## Upcoming Events

02.02.16

### Compliance Assistance Seminar — OLMS

Euless, TX

02.09.16

### Worker Voice Regional Summit — OPE

Minneapolis, MN

02.12.16

### 50+ Women2Work Conference — WB

Tyler, TX

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