

Washington, DC – Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore) today joined U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis to announce a \$4,841,299 grant for Portland Community College that will provide job training for healthcare professions. The grant will serve unemployed, dislocated, and incumbent workers, preparing and training 875 job seekers for good jobs in high-demand healthcare fields.

“Portland Community College is the largest educational institution in Oregon, and a leader in health care training,” **said Congressman Blumenauer**. “With a tough job market and recovering economy, this funding will help prepare hundreds of Oregonians for health care positions and pay dividends for years to come. This grant is a win for the economy that will benefit Oregon health care and spark job growth.”

“The \$125 million awarded today will create opportunities for working Americans to train for high-demand occupations with the help of our nationwide community college system,” **said U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis**.

“Our goal is to help workers across the country prepare for and secure good jobs, and with support from these colleges and other critical stakeholders, we’ll ensure we reach a broad base of individuals in need.”