



Operation A.B.L.E. Receives Major Federal Expansion Grant

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(Boston) Operation A.B.L.E. (Ability Based on Long Experience) of Greater Boston, has been awarded a major grant by the U.S. Department of Labor, which will allow it to expand its existing Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), into Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk and Suffolk counties in Massachusetts, and to all of New Hampshire.

The SCSEP program is designed to offer on-the-job training and employment services for low income individuals who are at least 55 years old. This expansion will serve another 650 low income individuals and help them get back to work. Participants will receive paid on-the-job training in their own community for up to 20 hours a week, and get help searching for a job and new work experience to add to their resume.

U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez, when making the announcement, said, "These funds support our goal of helping every American who wants to find a job that leads to better economic stability."

Tee Provost, A.B.L.E.'s SCSEP Director, noted that A.B.L.E. "is uniquely positioned to be the best resource to manage the further expansion of the SCSEP program, and that means we can do more for more people."

Mark Gyurina, Chief Program Officer, for Operation A.B.L.E. pointed out that "with this new grant, we can expand our service area and use A.B.L.E.'s experience and expertise to serve even more of the region's mature workers."

The President & CEO of Operation A.B.L.E., Joan Cirillo, who spearheaded the process through which the agency received the grant, commented, "Since 1982, we have been the only organization in the state whose sole mission has been to get mature job seekers back to work. During our 34 year history, we have assisted more than 34,000 individuals, and this grant will allow us to further extend A.B.L.E.'s impact. It is perfect for our portfolio of older worker products. We are so delighted to receive this award."

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