



# Labor Department News Brief

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## **Bureau of International Labor Affairs announces \$9M in funding to support youth apprenticeship in Argentina, Costa Rica, Kenya**

<b>Opportunity Title:</b>	Country Projects to Promote Workplace-Based Training for Vulnerable Youth in Argentina, Costa Rica and Kenya
<b>Amount approved/awarded:</b>	\$9 million
<b>Funding awarded to:</b>	Desarrollo y Autogestión (\$3 million) Youth Build International (\$3 million) International Labor Organization (\$3 million)
<b>Purpose:</b>	To improve country capacity to provide workplace-based training programs and apprenticeships to vulnerable and marginalized youth

**Background:** The [Department's Bureau of International Labor Affairs](#) has awarded three \$3 million projects, for a total of \$9 million in funding, to the organizations Desarrollo y Autogestión (Argentina), Youth Build International (Costa Rica), and the International Labor Organization (Kenya). These four-year projects will support the improvement of laws or policies related to apprenticeship for vulnerable youth, help businesses and workers' organizations implement best practices related to workplace-based training for youth, and improve the quality of existing programs providing vulnerable youth with prerequisite skills they need to enter apprenticeship and other workplace-based training programs.

U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez announced these projects today at a roundtable event on apprenticeship in Buenos Aires, Argentina, saying, "We know apprenticeship works, and that is why the Labor Department has worked tirelessly to expand it both domestically and abroad. With these investments, the U.S. is taking its place as a leader in the global movement to address youth unemployment through apprenticeship."

These grants are further supported by a \$1.4 million [Department of Labor project with the Global Apprenticeships Network](#), announced on October 6, 2016. Through this grant, the GAN will create and support private sector networks in support of youth apprenticeship in Argentina, Costa Rica, and Kenya.

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