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Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV) awarded Grants from the U.S. Department of Labor VETS Funds from Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP) will help employ veterans in Twin Cities Region and Northern Minnesota

Saint Paul, MN (June 29, 2010) – Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV), a nonprofit organization serving veterans statewide, announces that it has received two grants under the U.S. Department of Labor’s (USDOL) Veterans’ Employment and Training Services (VETS) funding program appropriated by Congress under the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP) on an annual competitive basis - a \$300,000 Metro Urban Grant and a \$120,000 Non-Urban Grant.

Secretary Solis of the U.S. Department of Labor announced the grants on June 22, 2010. 97 grants were awarded, totaling over \$24 million, to provide approximately 14,000 veterans with job training to help them succeed in civilian careers. Grantees under the HVRP program coordinate their efforts with various local, state and federal social service providers. More information on the Department of Labor’s unemployment and re-employment programs for veterans can be found at www.dol.gov/vets.

The awards were also announced by U.S. Sens. Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken (D-Minn.), and Rep. Betty McCollum (D-Minn.) in a June 24, 2010 news release in which all acknowledged the critical timing and great need for this funding for veterans in Minnesota.

The HVRP Metro Urban Grant represents a second year renewal of funding for MACV’s employment programming in the Twin Cities region. MACV has been an Urban HVRP grantee since 2001. New this year is funding through the three year renewable HVRP Non-Urban Grant which will enable MACV to expand the successful employment programming they have implemented under the Urban Grant to Northern Minnesota. “This is excellent news that is exciting and that I am very proud of,” said MACV Executive Director Kathleen Vitalis. “We not only met the aggressive outcomes required and got renewed for the Urban Grant, but the new Non-Urban Grant will bring much-needed employment support for veterans in Northern Minnesota. This grant will be managed through our MACV-Duluth regional office.”

The Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans provides assistance throughout Minnesota to positively motivated veterans and their families who are homeless or experiencing other life crisis. Learn more at www.mac-v.org.

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