



HOSTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES,
THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR FEDERAL POLICY RESEARCH
invites you to attend a

LUNCHEON BRIEFING

“On The Corner: Day Labor in the United States”

Friday, January 27, 2006

12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

Room 2168, Rayburn House Office Building (The “Gold Room”)

You are invited to attend a luncheon briefing on the first national survey on day labor, ON THE CORNER: Day Labor in the United States. In connection with the release of their groundbreaking report, UCLA professor Abel Valenzuela and University of Illinois at Chicago professor Nik Theodore will discuss the first nationwide study of day laborers and brief you on its findings and policy recommendations.

Day laborers — mostly immigrant men who search for work on street curbs, home improvement stores, and busy intersections — are at the center of the national debate on immigration. Immigration reform groups around the country have been staging protests at hiring sites, often city-sponsored centers where day laborers gather for job assignments, as well as language classes, computer training and medical services.

Several cities, including some in California, are considering ordinances requiring large businesses, such as home improvement stores, to build hiring sites for laborers. However, immigration legislation before Congress (H.R. 4437) would prohibit cities from imposing such requirements on businesses as a condition of conducting, continuing or expanding their operation.

In 2003, Professors Theodore Valenzuela and Edwin Melendez (New School University) launched a national study of day labor and its industry, surveying workers in 264 hiring sites in 139 cities and 20 states, including Washington D.C. The study was funded by the Rockefeller Foundation, the Ford Foundation and the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region.

In the weeks and months ahead, as Congress contemplates immigration and labor policy issues, we hope the report and this policy briefing will be an important resource.

Please RSVP (acceptances only please) to MaryBeth Sullivan of the California Institute at sullivan@calinst.org or 202-546-3700, and please indicate the date of the event.

Please note: This briefing will take place on Friday, 1/27/06. By separate invitation, you are **also** invited to attend a PPIC luncheon briefing the day before (1/26/06) regarding illegal immigration issues. Please indicate the date of the briefing(s) you will attend.