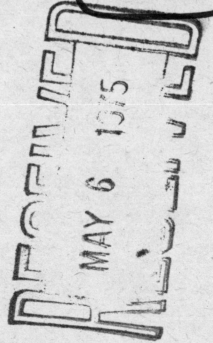


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\$400,000 TO HELP CENTRALIZE NATIONAL FARMWORKER INFORMATION

To help centralize the collection and dissemination of data concerning migrant and seasonal farm workers, the U. S. Labor Department has granted \$400,000 to the National Farmworker Clearinghouse Juarez-Lincoln Center in Austin, Tex.

The Juarez-Lincoln Center will collect, compile, and analyze all types of services available to migrant and seasonal farm workers and have it available not only to such workers but also to government bodies seeking information for program planning and service.

Data collectors will travel to all states where services are offered to collect on-site information. Services for farm workers include classroom and on-the-job training, work experience programs, health and medical, nutritional, residential, legal, child care, relocation, and other services, including extended education.

The Center prepared bilingual materials on the recently enacted Special Unemployment Assistance (SUA) benefits for distribution to state employment services and Labor Department migrant and farmworker contract grantees. SUA extends unemployment insurance coverage to large numbers of people in farmwork not previously covered.

Juarez-Lincoln has been awarded similar contracts for the past two years by the Labor Department's Manpower Administration. Dr. Leonard J. Mestas is director of the center, located at 3001 South Congress St., Austin.

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