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| **U.S. Department of Labor Views Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project PLA/CCP as a Best Practice**  Yesterday, Metro hosted a meeting with the Senior Policy Advisor of the Employment Training Administration, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor (U.S. DOL), and the Team Leader for the Federal Transit Administration’s Los Angeles Office on the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project’s Project Labor Agreement/Construction Careers Policy (PLA/CCP). The meeting provided an overview of the workforce development initiatives developed as a result of Metro’s groundbreaking PLA/CCP, and served as a forum to discuss successes and lessons learned. Metro’s Diversity & Economic Opportunity Department (DEOD) presented the outreach measures and attainments that resulted from Metro’s PLA and CCP. One highlight of the meeting was a success story featuring Laborer apprentice [**Le Daya Epps**](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140805_PV_Jobs_Success_Story.pdf), who Walsh/Shea Corridor Constructors sponsored to enter their Laborers Boot Camp, after which she was hired for the Project. The meeting was facilitated by Stephanie Wiggins, Metro’s Executive Director of Vendor/Contract Management department. Metro’s Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project PLA/CCP partners Walsh/Shea Corridor Constructors, and their subcontractors, PV Jobs and the Los Angeles Urban League, were in attendance. Representatives of the City of Los Angeles Mayor’s Office and the Economic and Workforce Development Department were also in attendance. Citing the President’s “Job Driven” and “Place Based” initiatives, and the recent bipartisan passage of the “Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act,” the U.S. DOL indicated interest in replicating Metro’s PLA/CCP across the country. For more information on the PLA/CCP, visit [www.metro.net/pla](http://www.metro.net/pla).  **Metro’s Accounting Department Receives 2014 Accounts Payable Prism Award**    The Metro Accounting Department’s Accounts Payable received the “2014 Prism Award” from the American Payroll Association and their Strategic Accounts Payable Leadership Task Force (SAPLTF). The awardhonor’s one Accounts Payable Department nationally that has shown excellence in technology, performance, or process improvement. Metro’s Accounts Payable has received this award for the first time for its best practices, excellence in operations, and technological advancements that exceed the industrial standards. I would like to congratulate Metro staff on this recognition. | |
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