

Institute of Public Life

(Omaha, NE)

*Solidarity Works***Total Award: \$70,000 over 1 year**

To support the Solidarity Works project to address economic injustice and threats to the occupational health and safety of immigrant laborers in Nebraska and Iowa. In their second year of the Solidarity Works project, Institute of Public Life (IPL) plans to develop leadership in the immigrant population and implement a strategy to address the occupational health issues rampant in the meatpacking and other dangerous low wage industries in which immigrant workers are employed. IPL will build solidarity between the middle class and immigrant laborers; and formulate an integrated economic policy agenda at the state and local levels aimed at reversing income disparity and insecurity. They will focus on occupational health, red-lining, access to health care and quality public education. Following on last year's successful program, IPL will use public drama and the arts to address issues of economic disparity and social injustice. Educating the public about working conditions for immigrant workers in the meatpacking industry will result in building local community support for unionization and the development of leadership that will help influence policy and address corporate responsibility.

Program Contribution Breakdown:**\$40,000** Health Program: *Objective II, Strategy 1***\$20,000** Arts and Culture Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1***\$10,000** Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice: *Objectives I & II*