

**Association of Joint Labor/Management  
Educational Programs**

**Total Award: \$90,000 over 1 Year**

(New York, NY)

*Writing From A Kindred Voice: The Workers' Writing Project*

***Presidential Authority Grant***

To support *Writing From a Kindred Voice: The Workers' Writing Project*, a series of nationally coordinated writing workshops for workers from a variety of professions. Since 2001, the Association of Joint Labor/Management Educational Programs has been sponsoring Institutes for Career Development for workers throughout the country. An anthology of steelworkers' writing titled, *The Heat: Steelworkers Lives & Legends*, has inspired others to tell their stories. During Phase I, the focus of the project was on training instructors, the development of workshop materials as well as marketing and coordinating the workshops. Phase II of the work will involve the implementation of the workshops and editing and publishing exemplary writings. AJL/MEP will also research and plan program replications and the launch of successive workshops. In 2005 they will launch workshops in twenty locations; engage in planning with painters and corrections officers; engage in an outreach effort to expand the program; publish articles in the Association's quarterly newsletter and in other publications; sustain interest in the program by informing constituents about the work at the organization's annual meeting; and providing informational workshops at meetings and gatherings that educate others about the work.

***Program Contribution Breakdown:***

**\$45,000** Arts and Culture Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1*

**\$45,000** Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice: *Objectives I & II*