

Human Rights Watch, Inc.

(New York, NY)

Meatpacking Project

Total Award: \$40,000 over 10 months

Presidential Authority Grant

To support the Meatpacking Project's campaign to improve the health and safety of workers in the meatpacking industry by protecting their right to freedom of association, to safe, decent working conditions, and to nondiscrimination against immigrant workers. Working with local and regional allies, Human Rights Watch (HRW) will work toward educating government officials, the public and policymakers about the findings of HRW's ground-breaking 2005 report, *Blood, Sweat, and Fear*, which documented the serious and systematic abuses of meatpacking workers. Central to the project's strategy will be the development of local projects in a number of east coast cities, and participation in ongoing community organizing and coalition building in Nebraska. HRW also will expand its work by collaborating with Consumers Union to initiate a nation-wide campaign to investigate worker safety in meat and poultry plants and to publish a report that focuses on workers' rights violations in the construction industry in and around Las Vegas using the methodology from its previous report.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$40,000 Health Program: *Objective II, Strategy 1*