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**NAPCA highlights importance of older worker program**

[Seattle, WA] - The National Asian Pacific Center on Aging (NAPCA) released a report today on the Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) program, administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), one of three federal employment programs operated by NAPCA.

The report discusses employment challenges for older workers 55 years and older, including high rates of unemployment and longer lengths of unemployment. Over 1.5 million job seekers are over 55 years of age, and many of these remain unemployed on average 10 weeks longer than younger job seekers. Older workers often have long careers in responsible positions, and have extensive knowledge to share in new work environments.

"The SEE program provides an important opportunity for experienced workers to remain engaged in the workforce while contributing to the important environmental efforts of the EPA," said Christine Takada, NAPCA President and CEO.

NAPCA serves over 200 enrollees annually through project offices in Seattle, Chicago, and Washington D.C.

The report is available for download from the NAPCA website at: <http://bit.ly/1u1OEcb>. For a hard copy of the report, contact SEE / ACES National Director Lois Kohashi-Sinclair at [lois@napca.org](mailto:lois@napca.org).

*NAPCA is the leading advocacy and service organization committed to the dignity, well-being, and quality of life of Asian American and Pacific Islander elders as they age.*

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