



UMOS AWARDED \$25 MILLION TEXAS CONTRACT

UMOS, a Wisconsin-based non-profit corporation, was awarded a \$25,000,000 per year, 5-year contract by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services-Administration for Children and Families, Office of Head Start, to operate the Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Program in the Texas Rio Grande Valley region. U.M.O.S. officially started the contract implementation in January of 2021.

“Patience is a virtue,” commented Lupe Martinez, President and Chief Executive Officer, U.M.O.S. “We have patiently waited over 25 years for the opportunity to operate the program in Texas.”

The Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Program is a school readiness program that provides education, health, dental, mental health, transition supports, parental empowerment training and other services that meet the needs of farmworker families.

Migrant and seasonal farmworker families are among the most vulnerable populations in the country, characterized by extreme poverty, language barriers and housing instability. “We are excited about the opportunity to bring our 29 years of experience in providing Migrant and Seasonal Head Start services and 56 years of overall experience in serving migrant farmworker families to the Texas Rio Grande Valley region,” says Martinez.

UMOS, with its network of community partners, will implement a comprehensive birth to school entry program model that has been successful in other states. U.M.O.S. operates Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Programs in Arkansas, Missouri, and Wisconsin.

UMOS is a performance-based, data-driven, customer focused non-profit, advocacy organization that provides programs and services which improve the employment, educational, health, and housing opportunities of underserved populations.