



Cesar Gonzales, Laborer Trainee, with Dement Construction on a Bridge Replacement project on State Route 22 in Carroll County.

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For Cesar Gonzales the work couldn't have come at a better time. It had been four months since the business he worked for closed its doors. The father of two young girls, ages two and three, Gonzales was growing more concerned with each passing day that he wouldn't be able to find work and provide for his family in the tough economy. Then he

heard news that contractor Dement Construction was hiring new employees to work on a bridge replacement project on Lexington Street in Carroll County, Tennessee.

With past experience in concrete work, Cesar knew it was the opportunity he'd been waiting for. Gonzales applied for a job and in June of 2009, he started work on a new career with Dement. "I am so thankful for this opportunity to work and provide for my family," Gonzalez said. "This job has made all the difference for us."

Gonzales is currently working as a laborer trainee on the bridge replacement project and Dement has plans to keep him as an employee once the job is complete. Gonzalez hopes the experience he gains on this Recovery Act project will turn into a career he can enjoy for years to come. "I hope to continue to work with Dement and train to do more challenging jobs and continue to contribute to the company and the state."