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Dell'Isola returns to Department of Labor



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The ongoing foreign labor shortage may be dominating local headlines lately, but the Labor director said there are plenty of other issues on his plate.

David Dell'Isola is a familiar name to many at the department, as he returns to the agency he ran for 12 years beginning in the mid-1990s.

While he's working closely with the administration and department experts on the H-2B issue, he also has some other in-house priorities.

"We have certain divisions, wage and hour, workers comp that has saw a lot of attrition through the years through retirement and also almost basically wiped out," he said. "And those are the places that we need to start having commission meetings. And doing more enforcement and taking care of the problems that we have."

He also wants to make access to the department's programs more convenient to the public.

"I'd also like to grow our technology. A lot of our services and stuff like that can be driven through apps," he said. "And we've got a very good Hire Guam app that we want to push out there and get more exposure for and help the people as they are looking for jobs these jobs will pop up on their phones, and tell them where to go, and align them with employers."

But Delli'sola says his top priority is developing the local labor force. Preparing workers for what the administration hopes will be a more diversified economy.

"What's really exciting is that the governor and Lt. governor with Gov. Gutierrez are gonna look for new industries and economic growth," he said. "I wanna keep an eye very closely on those areas and potentials for new industries come in and I wanna align our apprenticeship programs and work experience and on the job training to those new industries. We want to move toward those demand driven occupations. Where are these industries, where are the jobs that are needed and move our people into those kinds of trainings."

A confirmation hearing on Delli'sola's appointment as Labor director is scheduled for Feb. 6.

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