

## **Existing and Emerging Green Job Initiatives**

At the annual Brownfields Job Development and Training Grantee meeting held in Alexandria, Virginia on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009, participants were asked to describe existing and green job initiatives in their communities. They were also asked to identify resources not currently available that would be useful in developing green job programs.

### **Summary**

Most grantees were familiar with green training within their Brownfields job development programs. However, participants appeared less familiar with other green job initiatives in their communities. Green job initiatives associated with Brownfields programs were primarily related to training in weatherization, energy audits, and energy conservation awareness.

Requests for additional assistance centered on the following areas.

- Information exchange regarding potential green projects (where students could be placed)
- Additional resources for life skills training
- Expansion of green job training programs
- Positions for administrative staff responsible for interfacing with potential green jobs and employers

### **Contributions**

Grantee program name and comments follow.

#### **New Jersey Youth Corps**

Green job initiatives associated with Brownfields job development programs

- E-Corps (environmental / energy corps) – Training conservation ambassadors
- Energy audit training and weatherization skills
- NJ Youth Corps – Training participants to rehabilitate homes to be green and energy efficient

Resources that would be useful if provided

- Additional federal assistance for “soft skills training” to complement technical training
- Technical assistance from regional offices identifying available resources
- Identification of existing green training programs to local and regional contractors

#### **STRIVE, Inc.**

Green job initiatives associated with Brownfields job development programs

- Thomas Shortman – teaches plumbing, electrical and carpentry from a green perspective
- Additional green jobs contacts: Greg Smith OAI Phone 718-554-3203
- [www.Striveinternational.org](http://www.Striveinternational.org) Phone 212-360-1100

Resources that would be useful if provided

- Additional funding for green construction trades like that by Thomas Shortman

### **Southern University at Shreveport**

Green job initiatives associated with Brownfields job development programs

- Developing a Green Academy
- Partnering with city of Shreveport Department of Community Development and Shreveport Bossier Community Renewal

Additional Green job development programs

- Riverscape Development
- State tax credits for replacing appliances, AC units and solar panels

Resources that would be useful if provided

- Assistance educating business and city administration on green jobs

### **NW Regional Workforce Investment Board**

Green job initiatives associated with Brownfields job development programs

- Energy workforce development consortium
- CT Energy Sector Partnership (CESP)
- Green Collar Jobs Council
- Engine retrofit program – Clean energy initiative

Additional Green job development programs

- Waterbury Construction Careers Initiative
- STEM
- Manufacturers Alliance

Resources that would be useful if provided

- Training for solar panel construction and application
- Energy training and green jobs training grants

### **City of Tacoma, Washington**

Green job initiatives associated with Brownfields job development programs

- Contact Pierce CountyCareers.com
- Kristi Grassman (253) 583-8815

Additional Green job development programs

- Contact City of Tacoma – Office of Sustainability
- [www.cityoftacoma.org](http://www.cityoftacoma.org)
- Krysten Lynetts

### **Clover Park Technical College**

Green job initiatives associated with Brownfields job development programs

- Residential construction – Green Components
- Sustainable Building Science – a new training program
- Sustainability Institute – developed with
- Plus 50 Program – Plus 50 second career individuals – interested in environmental or green jobs

Additional Green job development programs

- Metropolitan Development Council – workforce Central – weatherization training
- Workforce Central – Contact [kgrassman@workforcecentral.org](mailto:kgrassman@workforcecentral.org)
- Phone 253-583-8815

Resources that would be useful if provided

- Funding to support administrative positions that focus on green job development
- Central information source providing access to available job opportunities-contractors awarded jobs related to remodeling, weatherization and other green jobs

### **High Demand Industry Training Program**

Green job initiatives associated with Brownfields job development programs

- Green residential construction training

Additional Green job development programs

- Green Skills Panel – employer Business Advisory Board
- Sustainable Building Science – Clover Park Tech. College
- Contact Andy Bird (253) 583-8815

Resources that would be useful if provided

- Listing of county/state green related projects

### **Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc.**

Green job initiatives associated with Brownfields job development programs

- Providing green construction and sustainable building practices

Additional Green job development programs

- Verde – GOOGLE alliance

Resources that would be useful if provided

- Weatherization training and assistance with hiring agreements
- Especially for women and minorities
- Additional internships
- Additional 40-hr HAZWOPER training

### **City of Camden, Arkansas**

Green job initiatives associated with Brownfields job development programs

- 90% of a class of 26 students have been placed in green jobs

Additional Green job development programs

- Phoenix Renewable Energy – working to expand renewable energy sources

Resources that would be useful if provided

- Additional resources for staff related to marketing and expanding employer relationships

### **JFY Networks**

Green job initiatives associated with Brownfields job development programs

- Established a weatherization, Solar Installer and Energy Auditor training program

Additional Green job development programs

- Massachusetts Clean Energy Center-

Resources that would be useful if provided

- Additional funding to expand green training programs