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## Recovery Act Update

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### Department of Labor Clean Energy Job Training

U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown would like you to know that five Green Jobs Training grant solicitations were recently released by the U.S. Department of Labor. Totalling \$500 million, these five opportunities are funded by The Recovery Act and aim to prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and renewable energy:

- **Energy Training Partnership Grants**
- **Pathways out of Poverty Grants**
- **Green Capacity Building Grants**
- **Labor Market Information Improvement Grants**
- **State Energy Sector Partnership and Training Grants**

Two of these opportunities, the Energy Training Partnership Grants and State Energy Sector Partnerships & Training Grants, each set aside \$25 million from available funding for projects in communities affected by automotive-related restructuring.

Details for all five opportunities are listed below. For additional information, please visit:

<http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20090725.htm>

### **Energy Training Partnership Grants (\$100 million)**

Energy Training Partnership Grants are intended to provide training and placement services to prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and renewable energy industries. \$100 million is available and roughly 20-30 projects are expected to be funded at approximately \$2-\$5 million each. \$25 million will be reserved for communities undergoing auto-industry restructuring.

Two sets of applicants are eligible to apply:

- (1) National labor-management organizations with local networks; and
- (2) Statewide or local strategic nonprofit partnerships consisting of labor-management organizations, labor, business, Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs), and other organizations.

❖ *All applicants are expected to work in conjunction with partnerships.*

❖ *Applications must be received by 4:00 P.M. Eastern Time on September 4, 2009.*

For the full Energy Training Partnership Grant solicitation, please visit:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-14924.pdf>

### **Pathways out of Poverty Grants (\$150 million)**

Pathways out of Poverty Grants will provide training and placement services in clean energy industries for targeted low-income and under-skilled workers, unemployed, or high school dropouts. This includes recruitment, skills and occupational training, and support services. \$150 million is available. Grants ranging from approximately \$3-\$8 million are expected for national grantees, and from approximately \$2 to \$4 million for local grantees.

Two sets of applicants are eligible to apply:

- (1) National nonprofit entities with networks of local affiliates, coalition members, or other established partners; and
- (2) Local entities.

A Webinar for prospective applicants will be held for this grant competition on July 14, 2009 from 2–3:30 P.M. Eastern Time. Information on how to access the Webinar will be posted at:

<http://www.workforce3one.org>.

❖ *All applicants are expected to work in conjunction with partnerships.*

❖ *Applications must be received by 4:00 P.M. Eastern Time on September 29, 2009.*

For the full Pathways out of Poverty Grant solicitation, please visit:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-14928.pdf>

### **Green Capacity Building Grants (\$5 million)**

Green Capacity Building Grants will build the capacity of current Department of Labor grantees to prepare targeted populations for employment in the energy efficiency and renewable energy sector. Funds will help current grantees update existing training and job placement programs and build the necessary infrastructure to provide ongoing training and job placement into clean energy

jobs. Funds may be applied to the purchase of equipment, staff professional development, curriculum or partnership development, and additional staff hires. Approximately \$5 million is available, and between 50 and 100 grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$100,000 are expected under this competition.

A prerecorded Webinar will be available online at <http://www.workforce3one.org> to prospective applicants for this grant competition on and after July 10, 2009 by 3 P.M. Eastern Time.

- ❖ Organizations with multiple DOL-funded training programs may only submit one application.
- ❖ Applications must be received by 4:00 P.M. Eastern Time on August 5, 2009.

For the full Green Capacity Building Grant solicitation, please visit:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-14920.pdf>

### **Labor Market Information Improvement Grants (\$50 million)**

State Workforce Agencies or consortia of multi-State Workforce Agencies can compete for these funds to collect, analyze, and disseminate labor market data and develop an infrastructure to direct individuals to new careers in the clean energy sector. This includes identifying the needs of employers, and matching workers with these jobs.

A prerecorded Webinar will be available online at <http://www.workforce3one.org> to prospective applicants for this grant competition on and after July 10, 2009 by 3 P.M. Eastern Time.

- ❖ Applications must be received by 4:00 P.M. Eastern Time on August 14, 2009.

For the full Labor Market Information Improvement Grant solicitation, please visit:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-14930.pdf>

### **State Energy Sector Partnership and Training Grants (\$190 million)**

This is a competitive opportunity for State Workforce Investment Boards only. Funds will prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and renewable energy industries. Strong partnerships, relationships with other State agencies receiving Recovery funds, targeting the needs of a specific industry, and creating an integrated system of education, training, and support services will be taken into account in the application. Approximately \$25 million will be reserved for communities undergoing auto-industry restructuring. The expected range of awards is \$2 to \$6 million. Applications requesting more than \$6 million will be considered nonresponsive.

The Department of Labor strongly encourages applicants to engage in a comprehensive strategic planning process prior to submitting an application for this opportunity.

A prerecorded Webinar will be available online at <http://www.workforce3one.org> to prospective applicants for this grant competition on and after July 10, 2009 by 3 P.M. Eastern Time.

❖ Applications must be received by 4:00 P.M. Eastern Time on October 20, 2009.

For the full State Energy Sector Partnership and Training Grant solicitation, please visit:  
<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-14922.pdf>

**\*\*Please Note\*\***

**Strong collaboration and partnerships are required for many of these opportunities. Be sure to read the full text of the solicitation prior to submitting an application.**

*Senator Brown will send out additional Recovery information when available. Visit Senator Brown's Recovery website for up-to-date Recovery information:*  
[http://brown.senate.gov/issues\\_and\\_agenda/issues/recovery/](http://brown.senate.gov/issues_and_agenda/issues/recovery/)

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