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## Recovery Act Update

September 24, 2009

U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown would like to remind you about the following opportunities available through the Recovery Act:

- **Smart Grid Workforce Training**
- **Competitive EECBG Request for Information**
- **DOL Green Jobs Deadlines**
- **Ohio Department of Development Announces Deadline: State Energy Plan Targeting Energy Efficiency**

### Smart Grid Workforce Training

The U.S. Department of Energy's Smart Grid Workforce Training opportunity aims to develop a well-trained, high-skilled workforce for the electric power sector. This skilled workforce is vital to implementing a national clean-energy smart grid. Funds may support the development and deployment of training program(s), as well as the actual training of personnel. Approximately \$144 million is available. Applications are due by 8:00 PM ET on November 23, 2009.

For more information, visit: <https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/?doc=DE-FOA-0000152&agency=DOE>

If you have questions, email Linda Jarnagin at [linda\\_k\\_jarnagin@rl.gov](mailto:linda_k_jarnagin@rl.gov).

### Competitive EECBG Grants: Request for Information

The Recovery Act set aside an additional \$400 million to be awarded on a competitive basis to eligible

parties that receive formula-based Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funds. The program aims to reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions and improve energy efficiency in the transportation, buildings and other appropriate sectors. This is a Request for Information (RFI) and not a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA); therefore, DOE is not accepting applications and is instead seeking feedback from stakeholders on a planned competitive FOA.

For more information, visit:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=yRbQK3TDD44GZFTV8D6yzlbQcctN8v5GDTKhZGbnvD9CZfMtnvqL!-1017983794?oppld=49435&mode=VIEW>

If you have questions, email Karen Bahan at [karen.bahan@emcbc.doe.gov](mailto:karen.bahan@emcbc.doe.gov).

### **REMINDER: DOL Green Jobs Recovery Deadlines**

Deadlines are approaching for the following DOL Grants:

- **Pathways out of Poverty Grants**

**DEADLINE: September 29, 2009, 4:00 P.M. EST**

These grants will fund 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. Approximately \$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. *All applicants are expected to work in conjunction with partnerships.*

For the full solicitation, please visit: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-14928.pdf>

If you have questions, please contact Melissa Abdullah at the U.S. Department of Labor via email at [abdullah.melissa@dol.gov](mailto:abdullah.melissa@dol.gov) (Reference SGA/DFA PY 08-19).

- **Health Care and Other High Growth & Emerging Industries Grants**

**DEADLINE: October 5, 2009, 4:00 P.M. EST**

The purpose of the high growth and emerging industries grants is to teach workers the necessary skills for, and help them pursue careers in, health care and other high growth and emerging industries. Eligible applicants include public entities and private nonprofit organizations. Approximately \$220 million is available, and \$25 million of the total funds available will be reserved for projects serving communities impacted by automotive-related restructuring.

For the full solicitation, please visit: <http://www.doleta.gov/grants/pdf/SGA-DFA-PY-09-01.pdf>

If you have questions, please contact Ariam Ferro at the U.S. Department of Labor via email at [ferro.ariam@dol.gov](mailto:ferro.ariam@dol.gov) (Reference SGA/DFA PY 09-01).

For information on additional Recovery grants from the U.S. Department of Labor, please visit: [http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find\\_grants.cfm](http://www.doleta.gov/grants/find_grants.cfm)

**Ohio Department of Development Announces Deadline for State Energy Plan Targeting Energy Efficiency**

The deadline for submission of proposals to the Ohio Department of Development for the [State Energy Plan Targeting Industry Efficiency Request for Proposals](#) is 3:00 P.M. on Friday, October 16, 2009.

Interested applicants must also submit an expression of interest no later than 5:00 P.M. on October 12, 2009 at <http://recovery.ohio.gov/opportunities/state/>.



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