



ARRA GREEN JOBS TRAINING: ENERGY TRAINING PARTNERSHIP GRANT AWARDS



Ohio Energy Training Partnership Grants

Grantee: Ohio Electrical Labor Management Cooperative Committee

Location of Grant Activities: Ohio

Areas Affected: Ohio

Auto-Impacted Counties Being Served: Adams, Allen, Auglaize, Carroll, Champaign, Clermont, Clinton, Crawford, Cuyahoga, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Highland, Huron, Jackson, Knox, Logan, Lorain, Lucas, Madison, Montgomery, Morrow, Noble, Paulding, Pike, Preble, Putnam, Richland, Ross, Sandusky, Seneca, Shelby, Summit, Trumbull, Union, Van Wert, Wayne, Williams, Wood, and Wyandot

Industries of Focus: Energy-Efficient Building, Construction, and Retrofit in combination with the Renewable Electric Power sector

Highlighted Participants Served: Incumbent and dislocated workers including veterans

National or Local Grant: Local

Amount: \$4,826,073

Key Partnerships: Community colleges; Joint Apprenticeship Training Committees (JATCs); regional Workforce Investment system; Ohio electrical contractors (NECA) and labor (IBEW); Helmets to Hardhats program

Project Description: The Ohio Green Renewable Opportunities for Workers (GROWs) project utilizes 19 existing industry training centers to provide green skills training to dislocated and incumbent workers in Ohio, including 44 counties impacted by automotive-related restructuring. The project focuses on a registered apprenticeship model and will work in concert with local Jobs and Family Services offices to transition participants who are dislocated from jobs in the auto industry to explore green careers.

Proposed Outcomes: The Ohio GROWs project will provide training for 1,288 participants who will earn nationally recognized certificates from the National Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (NJATC), as well as college credit through the University System of Ohio. The project will develop an operational manual to provide a step-by-step implementation model of the scope of work encompassed by the project.

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Energy Training Partnership Grants Overview

The Energy Training Partnership grant program will provide training for workers that prepares them to enter the energy efficiency and renewable energy industries, as well as green occupations within other industries. These grants invest in partnerships made up of diverse set of stakeholders including labor organizations, public or private employers in the energy efficiency and renewable energy industries, and the workforce system. Bringing together the workforce expertise of these groups will allow grantees to develop programs that are responsive to the needs of both workers and employers, and that provide participants with the support needed to successfully complete training. The grantees will utilize these partnerships to design and distribute training approaches that lead to portable industry credentials and employment, including registered apprenticeship. The Department of Labor awarded grants to workforce development projects that focused on connecting target populations to career pathways in green industries. The Department also was interested in projects that contributed to our understanding of green industries and jobs that clean and enhance our environment.

These investments are designed to achieve the following goals:

- Provide training and placement services in the energy efficiency and renewable energy industries for workers impacted by national energy and environmental policy, individuals in need of updated training related to the energy efficiency and renewable energy industries, and unemployed workers.
- All training and placement activities funded through this grant program will be conducted at the local level.
- A portion of the total funds—approximately \$25 million—are reserved for projects that will serve communities impacted by automotive industry-related restructuring.

Twenty-five (25) grant awards ranging from approximately \$1.4 million to \$5 million each were made to private nonprofit organizations that applied under one of two categories: (1) National labor-management organizations with local networks, or (2) Statewide or local nonprofit partnerships.

Recovery Act: Competitive Grants for Green Job Training

On February 17, 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) to preserve and create jobs, promote the nation's economic recovery, and assist those most impacted by the recession. The purpose of these grants is to teach workers the skills required in emerging industries including energy efficiency and renewable energy.