

Department of Workforce Services

Statewide Energy Sector Partnership Update

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Background:

In January 2010, Utah Department of Workforce Services (DWS) was awarded a \$4.6 million State Energy Sector Partnership grant to develop the workforce and create jobs for 1) Green Construction, 2) Alternative Fuels, 3) Energy Management and 4) Renewable Energy Transmission in Utah. This project will provide 1,400 participants with the skills required to work in emerging energy efficiency and renewable energy industries. There will be a common core and occupation specific curriculum to address both technical and integrated skill sets. This training will be provided at no cost to participants.

Priority populations:

- Veterans
- Dislocated Workers
- At risk workers impacted by energy and environmental policy
- Disadvantaged Youth
- Box Elder County residents (impacted by automotive restructuring)

Accomplishments:

- Grant kick off held May 20th
- Statewide training team is now meeting regularly and progress is being made toward core curriculum development
- Plans and contracts for each Training Academy will be in place by June 30, 2010
- Development of policy, assessment and eligibility criteria is underway
- Our first report to the Department of Labor was submitted May 14
- Tour of wind farm and geothermal plants scheduled for training team leads
- First trainees set to begin classes by the end of August