



## Recovery Task Force Issues Statement on U.S. Department of Labor's Notice on Upcoming "Green Jobs" Grant Opportunities

The U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration has released its initial plans for how it intends to distribute \$750 million in competitive grants funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) signed into law by President Obama on February 17, 2009.

The Recovery Act provides \$750 million for competitive grants for training in high growth and emerging industries. Of the \$750 million allotted for competitive grants, the Recovery Act designates \$500 million for projects that prepare workers for careers in the energy efficiency and renewable energy sectors described in Section 171(e)(1)(B) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA), as amended to incorporate the Green Jobs Act of 2007.

"Now that we have an outline of how the funds will be awarded, we have a window of opportunity for the education, economic development and workforce systems in California to link up with community and faith based organizations, organized labor, the business community and training providers to form partnerships that will put California in the strongest position possible to compete for these funds," said Cynthia Bryant, head of the California Recovery Task Force.

"California is already the nation's leader in green jobs. We are well positioned through our Green Collar Jobs Council to take advantage of this opportunity and further accelerate our efforts in this area. We want to thank the President and the Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis for their leadership and investment in green jobs."

The notice outlines five potential grant opportunities which will be formally announced in June.

1. State Labor Market Information Improvement Grants
2. Energy Training Partnership Grants
3. Pathways Out of Poverty Grants
4. State Sector Training Grants
5. Green Capacity Building Grants

A full copy of the notice can be found at:

[http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr\\_doc.cfm?docn=2755](http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?docn=2755)