



ARRA GREEN JOBS TRAINING: ENERGY TRAINING PARTNERSHIP GRANT AWARDS



Arizona Energy Training Partnership Grants

Grantee: Austin Electrical Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (JATC)

Location of Grant Activities: Arizona, Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico, and Texas

Areas Affected: Arizona, Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico, Texas

Auto-Impacted County Being Served: Bexar (TX)

Industry Focus: Renewable Electric Power

Highlighted Participants Served: Unemployed workers and incumbent workers

National or Local Grant: Local

Amount: \$4,842,424

Key Partnerships: Central Texas Chapter National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) and Local Union No. 520 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), ImagineSolar, Texas Workforce Commission, five Workforce Investment Boards, and Austin Energy

Project Description: The grantee will partner with training provider ImagineSolar and the Austin Workforce Investment Board (WIB) to create a Comprehensive-National Electrician Solar Training (C-NEST) initiative. C-NEST will combine utility-scale solar installation training designed to meet immediate employment needs at solar power plants in Austin and San Antonio, with general solar training intended to support capacity-building in the project's five-state region.

Proposed Outcomes: Approximately 1,000 individuals are expected to be trained in solar-specific and smart-grid electrical competencies. The program plans to place or retain 672 workers in sustainable employment.

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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.