



## Recovery Act Competitive Grants Summary of DOL Plan to Compete \$500 Million for Green Jobs Training



The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (The Recovery Act) was signed into law by President Barack Obama on February 17, 2009. 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 (WIA). The purpose of these grants, which fund both green job training and research projects, is to teach workers the skills required in these emerging energy efficiency and renewable energy sectors. These efforts will lead program participants to job placement while leveraging other Recovery Act investments intended to create jobs and promote economic growth. On Wednesday, June 24, 2009 the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (DOL ETA) published a Notice of Availability of Funds and Solicitation for Grant Applications to compete these funds. A summary follows.

<b>Grant Name</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Close Date</b>
<b>State Labor Market Information Improvement</b>	Funds are available to collect, analyze, and disseminate labor market information, and to enhance the labor exchange infrastructure for careers within the energy efficiency and renewable energy industries. Applicants must propose strategies and approaches in the following focus areas: data collection and estimation activities related to green industries, occupations, and skill requirements; data dissemination activities; and related research activities. Applicants will include strategies for posting job openings to online job banks that will be highlighted for easy recognition as green jobs by job seekers. Grantees should focus on ensuring that workers trained for green jobs will be able to find employment in energy efficiency and renewable energy sectors after they finish training.	\$50 million	August 14, 2009
<b>Energy Training Partnership</b>	Energy Training Partnership funds are intended to provide training and placement services for workers that prepare them to enter the energy efficiency and renewable energy industries, as well as green occupations within other industries.	\$100 million	September 4, 2009
<b>Pathways Out of Poverty</b>	Pathways Out of Poverty Grant funds are intended to integrate training and supportive services into cohesive programs that will help target populations find pathways out of poverty and into economic self-sufficiency through employment in the energy efficiency and renewable energy industries.	\$150 million	September 29, 2009
<b>State Energy Sector Partnerships and Training</b>	A sector strategy is a workforce development approach that targets the needs of a specific industry sector. Sector strategies are designed and implemented by a range of institutions and groups working collaboratively, including community and faith-based organizations, business and industry groups, educational institutions such as community and technical colleges, the public workforce system, labor-management partnerships, and others. Grant funds awarded under this SGA will be used to provide training, job placement, and related activities that reflect a comprehensive statewide energy sector strategy.	\$190 million	October 20, 2009
<b>Green Capacity Building</b>	This SGA supports capacity building for organizations to provide training for entry-level positions leading to career pathways and/or additional training in the energy efficiency and renewable energy industries described in Section 171 (e)(1)(B) of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA). Funds are available for projects that build the capacity of DOL-funded training programs to ensure that targeted groups are prepared to meet the needs of our country's expanding green industries.	\$5 million	August 5, 2009