

Green Workforce Alliance Update



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The Green Workforce Alliance is a coalition of organizations committed to providing education, training, job placement and career development to individuals and businesses.

The Green Workforce Alliance has worked over the past year to establish a blueprint for education and training that:

- Promotes employment in the local economy.
- Helps our community become more energy efficient.
- Creates awareness about renewable energy and sustainable living.

Whatever you want to do, and wherever you want to do it, there's a career for you in the new green economy.

Green Grants

The City of Peoria - Workforce Development has received several grants to help grow the green initiative in Central Illinois:

- **U.S. Department of Labor - Community-Based Green Construction Grant**
- **Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity - State Energy Sector Partnership (SESP)**

Green Career Connection

Green Workforce Alliance hosted its first Green Career Connection on Thursday, February 24, 2011 from 9:00 – 11:00am at Workforce Network. The Green Career Connection provided green job opportunities to area job seekers.

At the Green Workforce Alliance booth, educational information was offered to job seekers and employers about the benefits on “going green”. In addition, interested job seekers were offered information on Green scholarship training programs. The courses offered through the Green programs include indoor environmental quality, green building design and construction.

Six employers, Advanced Technology Services, Farnsworth Group, Naturally Yours Grocery, Rohn Products, LLC, Kelly Services and Dress for Success Peoria participated in the event. Various positions highlighted at the event included: Cashiers, Office Clerks, Loaders, Laborers, Welders, Shelf Stockers, HVAC Technicians, Auto CAD Design, and Structural Steel Detailers.



Dress for Success offered services and resources to female job seekers. Over 55 job seekers participated at the Green Career Connection and many employers expressed interest in hiring some of those job seekers in attendance.

At Workforce Network, the Green Workforce Alliance event was a conduit to provide job opportunities and to educate Central Illinois residents, job seekers and employers on how the green movement helps to leverage cost savings and other undeniable return on investment—which positions them for the inevitable transition into a new era of efficiency.

Careers 2011

Careers 2011 will take place at Northwoods Mall on Wednesday, March 30, 2011 from 10:00am - 2:00pm. This spring career fair offered is expanded to provide additional resources to job seekers such as “green” career and training opportunities.



Each spring and fall career fairs attract well over 1,500 job seekers and hosts 50 or more employers, partners and community organizations.

To help job seekers prepare for the career fair, Midstate College will offer workshops and provide

an onsite resource center to assist job seekers during the career fair.

Career fairs are well attended because of the extensive marketing conducted through our media partner, Journal Star. In addition, for three months after the career fair, a Virtual Career Fair is hosted online at www.PJStar.com to help Connect qualified applicants to jobs available in central Illinois.



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Equal Opportunity Employer/Program: Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

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U.S. Department of Labor Community-Based Green Training Grant

The City of Peoria—Workforce Development received this grant to implement a program providing scholarships for 167 incumbent workers to obtain the credentials needed to work on "green" energy efficient commercial and residential projects.

In addition to scholarships, this grant provides substantial funds for capacity building at Illinois Central College including upgrading classrooms and purchasing new equipment and supplies.

Goals:

- 137 achieve certification
- 112 placed in related, unsubsidized employment
- 110 retain employment.

State Energy Sector Partnership (SESP) Grant

The City of Peoria—Workforce Development received this grant to implement a program providing scholarships for 75 eligible participants to enroll in an approved "green" training program at Illinois Central College.

Goals:

- 64 complete training
- 60 achieve certification
- 56 placed in related, unsubsidized employment
- 48 retain employment

The bottom-line goal is to lower the region's carbon footprint by increasing the number of trained individuals and implementing energy efficient initiatives in Central Illinois.

Illinois Central College — Certification Programs

BPI Building Analyst Professional & Envelope Professional Certifications

Training in building system and envelope analysis and whole building energy efficiency evaluation for residential buildings. Registration fees for the written and field exams are included in the course fee.

Building Operator Certification™

Training in energy management and evaluation of building system efficiency for commercial buildings.

LEED® Green Associate

Training and exam preparation for the Green Building Certification Institute's LEED Green Associate credential examination. Registration fees for the exam are included in the course fee.

Coming this Fall:

Solar Photovoltaic and/or Thermal Installer certifications

Watch the www.icc.edu/green/ website for these new programs to become available.

Illinois Central College — Degree Programs

Architecture

2 year Associates in Arts & Science with core courses addressing green building and sustainable design considerations and elective course offerings focusing on specific areas of green building design and construction. Courses may transfer to 4 year or other professional programs.

Architectural Construction Technology

2 year Associates in Applied Science with core courses addressing green building and sustainable construction considerations and elective course offerings focusing on specific areas of green building design and construction. Courses may transfer to 4 year or other professional programs.

Green Building Environment

Certificate Program or 2 year Associates in Applied Science with core courses addressing systems and strategies for designing and maintaining healthy and productive indoor environments and the critical role of an integrated design team. Associates Degree elective course offerings focusing on specific areas of green building design and construction.

Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

Certificate Program or 2 year Associates in Applied Science with core courses addressing the selection, installation and analysis of environmental control systems. Associates Degree elective course offerings focusing on specific areas of indoor environmental quality and green building design and construction. Courses may transfer to 4 year or other professional programs.