

State Energy Sector Partnership & Training Grant Synopsis

Due Date: October 20, 2009

Overview:

- \$190 million in Recovery Act funds available to State Workforce Investment Boards
- State workforce sector strategies that target energy efficiency, renewable energy industries and other green industries
- Strategic planning process to align Governor's overall workforce vision, state energy policies, local and regional training activities that lead to employment
- Result of process: statewide energy sector strategy, comprehensive partnership and a Sector Plan
- Portion of the funds reserved for communities/regions impacted by auto industry restructuring

Part of a \$750 million pool for worker training and placement in high-growth and emerging industries. Purpose is to teach workers the skills required in emerging energy efficiency and renewable energy industries:

1. Energy efficient building construction and retrofit industries
2. Renewable electrical power industry
3. Energy efficient and advanced drive train vehicle industry
4. Biofuels industry
5. Deconstruction and materials use industry
6. Energy efficiency assessment industry serving residential, commercial and industrial sectors.
7. Manufacturing of sustainable products using environmentally sustainable processes and materials

Others may be included, if documented as producing jobs in Kentucky: transportation, green construction, environmental protection, sustainable agriculture, forestry, recycling and waste reduction.

Sector Strategy: A Sector Strategy is defined as an integrated system of education, training, and supportive services that promotes skill attainment and career pathway development for workers 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. Many sector initiatives focus on low-income, low-skilled workers, but sector strategies can also benefit other populations, such as incumbent workers in need of skill upgrades, or laid-off workers who need to develop sector-specific skills. Some strategies focus on just one target industry in a specific geographical region, while others encompass several related industries.

Strategic Planning Process: KWIB must design a planning process to include input from LWIBs, OET, One Stop Centers and partner businesses/agencies. The plan will include:

- Governor's vision, goals and energy policy
- Statewide Strategic Vision for developing skilled workforce for targeted industries
- Analysis and determination of sectors to be targeted
- Analysis and determination of populations to be targeted

- Energy Sector Strategy – with implementation strategies

SESP: KWIB required to lead the State Energy Sector Partnership (SESP). SESP serves as steering committee through the life of the grant. KWIB to appoint members of SESP, must include senior level decision makers from energy sector partners in the targeted industries, OET, LWIBs, One Stop Centers, cabinets with a stake in the energy sector, labor organizations, apprenticeship organizations, community organizations, education/training, veterans organizations, economic development. Two roles:

1. Strategic Planning – Sector Plan
2. Oversight of Implementation of sector Plan

Local Project Teams: Made of LWIBs, consortia of LWIBs and One Stop Career Centers and other partners as designated by the SESP. Teams identify, assess, and refer candidates for training, connect workers with employers, identify providers, implement strategic plan.

Award Amount: Maximum amount of grant is \$6 million.

Performance Period: 36 months from Award

Eligibility: Eligible applicants limited to State Workforce Investment Boards.

Allowable Projects: Training Costs (faculty, support staff, classroom-supported internships, books, materials, supplies) Tangible Deliverables (curricula, training modules, outreach materials)

Form of Application: Requires cost proposal, technical proposal, attachments (Charter for SESP, list of project teams, abstract of project)