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GOVERNOR AWARDS COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES AND THE L.A. COUNTY WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD CALIFORNIA CLEAN ENERGY GRANTS

Stimulus grants are slated to jumpstart California's Clean Energy Workforce

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Los Angeles, Calif. (October 16, 2009)—Community and Senior Services (CSS) and the Los Angeles County Workforce Investment Board (WIB), announced today that the CSS/WIB along with its primary partner, the Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), are among 34 successful California applicants that have been awarded grants under the State's California Clean Energy Workforce Training Program (CEWTP).

The grants to CSS/WIB totaling \$1.5 million, were awarded in two separate categories—Green Building and Clean Energy Training; and, Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technologies Workforce Development and Training. Both training projects will target the unemployed, underemployed and new workforce members.

Cynthia Banks, Director of CSS, reported her Department will administer the grants that will provide the county with resources to prepare 225 workers, with all levels of experience, for careers in green technologies including building and alternative and renewable fuel. CSS and the WIB as the lead partners will have administrative oversight, and will coordinate front-end services through the LACCD who will contract with the WorkSource One-Stop Centers to identify and enroll the clients who can benefit from training in Green Building industry sectors.

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Under the first categorical CEWTP grant, 150 workers will receive training that will prepare them for careers in areas such as, but not limited to:

- Green Plumbing
- HVAC Contracting
- Solar PV Installation
- Green Construction Management
- Green Building Analysts
- Energy Efficiency Auditors

Through the second CEWTP grant, 75 incumbent and under/unemployed workers will participate in a series of short-term training events, and receive wrap-around services preparing trainees for alternative fuel and advanced transportation industry sector careers. LACCD, the project's training entity, will also work with partner employers (General Motors, Miles Electric Vehicles, MTA, Long Beach Transit, CA Conservation Corps and other City transit) to fill needed positions with trained individuals from the program. Participants will be prepared for careers in areas such as:

- Alternative Fuel and Renewable Power Source
- High Performance/low emission Vehicle Technologies (Cars and Trucks)
- Transit Vehicle conversion
- Transportation Technologies/Computer Literacy
- Clean Diesel Technology

Josie Marquez, Executive Director of the Los Angeles County WIB, gave the following comments: "We are pleased that CSS and the WIB were selected, through a competitive process, to be among 34 state-wide recipients awarded funding for the projects, slated to jumpstart the largest state-sponsored green jobs training program in the nation,"

"This infusion of Stimulus and Governor's 15% Discretionary funds, coupled with support from our public and private partners, will greatly assist our county in preparing its workforce for clean energy careers. It will also move us closer to furthering California's goal of building a workforce to meet the state's low-carbon, clean energy economy of tomorrow."

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“Although not a requirement of the grants, we plan to serve special needs’ populations that will include veterans, individuals lacking a GED, and applicants living below 50% of the area medium income.”

Contact Francisco Perez at (213) 738-7327 for more information about the CEWTP.

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