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DETR Secures ARRA Grant for Green Jobs Training

The U S Department of Labor announced the today that Nevada has been awarded a \$6 million grant under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation will facilitate State Energy Sector Partnership and Training Grant which is designed to teach workers the skills required in emerging industries, including efficiency and renewable energy, said Larry Mosley, DETR director.

“This grant award is the result of direction by Governor Jim Gibbons to pursue all available avenues in producing resources that would contribute to the development of much needed jobs, particularly in the area of renewable energy,” Mosley said. “To that end, DETR developed a partnership team to apply for the green job grant that we are proud to say we have successfully procured.”

Governor Gibbons said, “this grant is an important development in our efforts to help Nevada’s economy recover from the devastating effects of this recession. We are pleased to have the opportunity to offer Nevadans additional skills training to help them become employed in jobs that involve renewable energy.”

The grant will be used to:

- Create an integrated system of education, training and supportive services that promotes skill attainment and career pathway development for low-income, low-skilled workers leading to employment in green industries.
- To support Nevada’s statewide energy sector strategy including the governors’ overall workforce visions, state energy policies and training activities that lead to employment in targeted industry sectors.
- Build and strengthen partnerships dedicated to building a skilled clean energy workforce.
- Develop new partnerships with other agencies receiving Recovery Act funds to support strategic planning and implementation efforts.

Key partnerships in Nevada for this grant include:

Nevada's Energy Office; Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE); Local Workforce Investment Boards (*workforce* Connections and Nevadaworks); K - 12 Education System principles; Apprenticeship Trade Unions and Non-Unions; Nevada Commission on Economic Development; Community-Based and Faith-Based Organizations; Veterans; State Agencies and most important, private businesses, i.e., NV Energy and Southwest Gas and others.



DETR is comprised of the Employment Security Division, Equal Rights Commission, Rehabilitation Division, the Information Development and Processing Division and the Research and Analysis Bureau.

DETR works in partnership with the Nevada JobConnect System to connect businesses and workers.