

Digest of Green Reports and Studies

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URL	http://www.urbanhabitat.org/files/Community-Jobs-in-the-Green-Economy-web.pdf
Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of industries in the green economy with a close look at four key areas: renewable energy, alternative cars and fuels, high performance buildings and infrastructure, and equitable development. • Report includes a discussion about the necessary workforce development infrastructure needed to train workers to take advantage of “green job” opportunities. • Case studies of individuals already employed in these jobs. • Finally, the report presents strategies that cities can use to take advantage of this new economic development with the goal of providing a roadmap for community organizers, economic development practitioners, labor representatives, and city managers who wish to learn about and create high quality, green jobs in their communities.
Key Findings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The “Green” economy provides many opportunities for America, particularly for low income, heavily minority urban communities. • Several examples were given to illustrate how clean energy development can create the possibility of good jobs as well as clean up the air and water while saving consumers money on energy bills.
Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities need to be active participants in green economic development. • Policymakers should be compelled to institute various economic strategies to fund clean energy projects that create good “green” jobs. • Cities and communities must be active in insuring that these are high-skilled jobs with livable wages that are accessible to low-income, underserved workers.
Definition of “Green”	Green economy is used to describe a broader range of economic activities and includes a range of products and practices related to improving or preserving the natural environment and the quality of the air, water, and food in our communities.
Methodology	Interviews, literature research
Data Sources Cited	Renewable Energy Policy Project; www.cfpa.org/issues/legislation ; www.lecet.org/legislative/prevaling wage/ law studies
Report Geography	Milwaukee, WI; San Diego, CA; Vermont; PA; Los Angeles, CA; Seattle, WA; Richmond, CA.
Green Occupations Cited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pipefitters • Sheetmetal workers • HVAC technicians • Commissioning engineers • Electricians • Plumbers • Managers • Engineers • Energy Consultants • Energy Auditors
Green Industries Cited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Efficient Building • Renewable Energy • Wind Energy • Renewable Fuels
Keywords	“green-collar”; “bio-diesel”; “eco-industrial”; Social Equity Caucus(SEC); “equitable development”; “green building”; energy efficiency retrofit”; “energy audits”; “renewable energy”; “solar collector”; “absorber”; “Geothermal Energy Systems”; “biofuel”; “high-road jobs”; Project Labor Agreements (PLAs); Community Benefit Agreements (CBAs); Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)
Legislation Cited	Washington State Renewable Portfolio Standard, Initiative Measure No. 937
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