

Digest of Green Reports and Studies

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| 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/prevailing_wage/ law studies |
| Report Geography | Milwaukee, WI; San Diego, CA; Vermont; PA; Los Angeles, CA; Seattle, WA; Richmond, CA. |
| Green Occupations Cited | There are various occupations cited in this report, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manufacturing: Solar Energy Heating Equipment (NAICS 333414), Photovoltaic Device (NAICS 334413), Lighting Fixtures (NAICS 335122), Hot Water Heaters (NAICS 335228), Ethanol (NAICS 325193) and Biodiesel Fuel Refining (NAICS 324110) • Construction: Wind Power Structure (NAICS) 237130), Heating and Ventilation, Plumbers and Pipefitters (NAICS 238222) • Management (NAICS 551114) • Professional and Technical: Engineering Services (NAICS 541330), Energy Consultants (NAICS 541690) and Energy Auditors (NAICS 541219) |
| 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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