

The GREEN Project: Georgia's Renewable Environmental Employment Network

ABSTRACT

Applicant: Georgia Department of Labor

Applicant Type: Individual State

Area to be served: Statewide

Funding Level Requested: \$1,177,975

To develop quality information regarding current and emerging trends with green jobs, the Georgia Department of Labor will develop and administer a brief survey of Georgia businesses. This survey will capture information on the green jobs currently available, future green job openings and green job vacancies.

Survey results will be used in conjunction with information from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey to estimate green employment trends, worker shortages, compensation plans and training needs for relevant industries and occupations. This research will be guided by the O*Net Greening of the World of Work study and will conform to Bureau of Labor Statistics classification frameworks.

The applicant will partner with the Georgia Career Information Center at Georgia State University to populate the Georgia Career Information System and the Occupational Supply Demand System with green job information and education and training needs for these fields. Additionally, a new feature will be added to the Georgia Department of Labor web site that will highlight state, regional and national green job opportunities available to job seekers. Data produced through the survey will also inform and assist the State Workforce Investment Board to identify short- and long-term training priorities to meet the workforce needs of industries they are targeting through their Statewide Energy Workforce Development Plan.

The data gathered will be used in a variety of ways to inform the economic development, education and workforce development communities in Georgia about the availability of green jobs, areas for potential growth and ways that job seekers can prepare for these jobs. Information will be available in a variety of formats and will be widely disseminated through workforce training, briefings for the business community, exhibits at conferences, webinars and on the partners' web sites.