Attachment: Abstract

Project Title: MARC Green Consortium.

Purpose: To conduct innovative Labor Market Information (LMI) activities that will support the strategic and systematic expansion of a region-wide green economy and workforce.

State Workforce Agency Applicant: The Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.

Consortium Members: Members of the MARC include the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, the Virginia Employment Commission, and the District of Columbia Department of Employment Services. Key stakeholder partners include the District of Columbia's Workforce Investment Council, Maryland's Governor's Workforce Investment Board, and the Virginia Workforce Council. Official partners critical to the successful implementation of the grant and sustainability of the Consortium include the Maryland Workforce Corporation (fiscal and administrative services), Trumbull Consulting & Associates (complex and comprehensive project management services), ICF International (development and implementation of a regional survey; analysis of LMI data, research support, and dissemination support to WIB and other partners), and Geographic Solutions, Inc. (implementation of renowned virtual labor market exchange platform that will create an integrated and seamless regional LMI and labor exchange system for Maryland, DC, and Virginia).

Description of the Area to be Served: Maryland, District of Columbia, and Virginia.

Strengths: According to August 2009 data, the nation's second largest concentration of green jobs is the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Green jobs are expected to grow much faster than the average industry – and the field is expected to increase by more than 8% annually in the MARC region.

Funding Level Requested: The MARC Green Consortium requests $4,000,000 to capitalize upon the national capital region's strengths and create an even more responsive workforce and robust economy.