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ABSTRACT

Applicant: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

Project Title: Building the Education, Career Pathways and Labor Exchange Infrastructure within the New Business Paradigm of a Green Economy

Total Funding Request: \$1,015,700

The goal of this project is to better position Ohio to compete in the green economy by developing a statewide infrastructure to support green jobs workforce development, education and training. A competitive advantage in the green economy will require workers with unique and specific green knowledge and skill sets. Employer demand for these unique green skills cannot be met without coordination among Ohio's training and education institutions. Coherent, centralized information about educational and training opportunities and potential employers does not exist in Ohio for those interested in joining the green workforce. The proposed project will help Ohio assess knowledge and skills gaps for green jobs in the state's 12 economic development regions by: evaluating current green job definitions and measures; identify green employers for project participation; map the educational curricula assets; identify curriculum gaps; develop green jobs curricula; publish green curricula guidelines; produce an Ohio green jobs training directory; disseminate green career pathways information through One-Stops and WIA-eligible training providers; and develop new green jobs interfaces for the state labor exchange system.