

Massachusetts State Energy Sector Partnership

Project Profile

Lead Organization	North Shore Workforce Investment Board		
Participating Workforce Investment Boards	North Shore WIB, Merrimack Valley WIB, Greater Lowell WIB	Grant Period	June 1, 2010 – November 30, 2012
Total Funding	\$950,000	Leverage	\$265,000

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Partners

Partner Role	Organization	Contact
One Stop Career Center	North Shore Career Centers	Mark Whitmore
One Stop Career Center	Career Center of Lowell	Michael McQuaid
One Stop Career Center	Valley Works Career Centers	Arthur Chilingirian
Labor Advisor	NS Labor Council	Tony Dunn
Labor Advisor	New England Council of Carpenters	Steve Falvey
Labor Advisor	Merrimack Valley Central Labor Council	Tom Casey
Labor Advisor	SEIU Merrimack Valley Labor Council	Tom Foster
Employer Advisor	Berry Construction	Zach Bergeron
Employer Advisor	Dimella Shaffer	Peter Fourtounis
Employer Advisor	Sebesta Blomberg and Assoc.	Russ McIntosh
Employer Advisor	Joe Green	Chris Henson
Employer Advisor	Groom Energy	Jon Geurster
Employer Advisor	Groom Construction	Peter Beaudoin
Employer Advisor	Cranney Companies	Brian Cranney
Employer Advisor	General Electric	Kathy Duggan
Employer Advisor	Bomco	Mike McCarthy
Employer Advisor	Thermal Circuits	Tim Doggert
Employer Advisor	Solectria Renewables	Anita Worde

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Employer Advisor	Verizon	Stephanie Lee
Employer Advisor	Dominion Power	Mike Fitzgerald
Employer Advisor	National Grid	Pam Arons
Employer Advisor	Baystate Biofuels	Jesse Reich
Employer Advisor	Cox Fuel	Carol Cox
Employer Advisor	Nobis Engineering	John Haas
Employer Advisor	Soluz Inc	Richard Hanson
Education/Training	North Shore Community College	Wayne Burton
Education/Training	Salem State College	Patricia Meservey
Education/Training	Middlesex Community College	Mary Ann Dean
Education/Training	Northern Essex Community College	Lane Glenn
Occupational/ABE Training Advisor	American Training, Inc	Tom Connors
Education/Training	University of Mass – Lowell	Dave Turcotte
Education/Training	JFY Networks	Sara Kingsbury
Weatherization and community advocacy	North Shore Community Action Programs	Beth Hogan
Weatherization program advisor	Greater Lawrence Community Action Council	Chick Lopiano
Weatherization program advisor	Community Action Inc., Haverhill	Nancy Tariot
Community Advisor, Recruitment	Community teamwork, Inc	Cheryl Amey
Community Advisor, Recruitment	Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association	Vong Ros

Project Overview

In association with the Massachusetts State Energy Sector Partnership (MA-SESP), the Northeast Energy Sector Training Partnership (NESP) is an alliance of three MA workforce investment boards and one-stop career centers; businesses in the renewable energy/energy efficiency RE/EE field; three community colleges; labor representatives and may include in the future vocational-technical schools and community-based organizations. The purpose of the partnership is to create an integrated system of education and training that promotes skill attainment and career pathway development benefiting both business and workers in the RE/EE sector.

Our shared objectives are as follows:

- Build upon our commonalities as regions comprising an array of urban and suburban centers to create training and employment opportunities that avoid duplication, create economies of scale, provide access and mobility through career ladders for dislocated, disadvantaged, and incumbent workers, and help small and large businesses to flourish.

- Continue development and support (through workforce training) of current and emerging businesses in green building, biofuels, and industries that clean and enhance the environment, while increasingly capitalizing on unique strengths of our regions in the area of precision manufacturing and agriculture/forestry.

Be guided by a long-established “green ethos” in our region which goes beyond a narrow focus on clean energy or green jobs alone, to embrace the concept of a green economy in which the interconnectedness of good jobs, sustainable business, and healthy communities is recognized.

Outcomes

Outcome Measure	Un/Under-employed	Employed
Enrollments/Completions/Credentials		
Number of Participants Served	106	100
Number of Participants Beginning Education/Training Activities	106	100
Number of Participants Completing Education/Training Activities	89	90
Number of Participants Receiving Industry-Recognized Credential, Certificate or Degree	66	68
Job Placements and Promotions		
Number of Participants Completing Education/Training Activities That Are Placed in Unsubsidized Employment	76	n/a
Number of Participants Completing Education/Training Activities That Are Placed in Training-Related Unsubsidized Employment	67	n/a
Number of Participants Completing Education/Training Activities That Are Promoted to Unsubsidized Positions		72
Retention of Participants After Job Placement/Promotion		
Number of Participants Retained in Unsubsidized Employment after 1 Quarter Following Placement	69	68
Number of Participants Retained in Unsubsidized Employment after 2 Quarters Following Placement	69	64