



Arizona

Grant Program:	Green Capacity Building
Grantee Name:	Arizona Women’s Education and Employment, Inc. (AWEE)
Grantee City/State:	Phoenix, Arizona
Grant Award Amount:	\$100,000
Initial Period of Performance:	December 2009 – November 2010
Project Name:	The Learning + Training + Earning = GREEN (L+T+E=GREEN) Project
Project Description:	Arizona Women’s Education and Employment, Inc. (AWEE) is building capacity to launch the Learning + Training + Earning = GREEN (L+T+E=GREEN) Project designed to teach workers the skills required in green industry employment. AWEE will integrate new curriculum, staff training, equipment, and vocational training services to prepare eligible adult ex-offenders for employment in one of three targeted occupations. Specifically, the project will develop and launch career exploration workshops that will expose participants to training and employment opportunities in green industries; link participants with vocational training offered by area colleges and other entities to facilitate their entry into green career pathways; and facilitate job placement in training-related employment through business/industry-involved job clubs. The project’s targeted occupations include solar installer; heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and refrigeration (HVAC/R) installer/ technician; and weatherization technician/energy auditor.
Areas Served by Grant:	Greater Phoenix metropolitan area
PUMAs Served:	NA
Auto-Impacted Counties Served:	NA
National or Local Grant:	NA
Targeted Industries:	Renewable energy and green building
Targeted Credentials:	Home Energy Certification; Commercial Energy Certification; Building Performance Institute (BPI) Certification and BPI Envelope Specialist Certification; North American Technician Excellence Certification (HVAC/R); Certificate of Knowledge/Photovoltaic Design and Installation; and Universal 608, 609, B410A, and Lock-Out/Tag-Out (HVAC/R)
Targeted Occupations:	Solar Installer; Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVAC/R) Installer/ Technician; Weatherization Technician/Energy Auditor
Targeted Populations:	Adult ex-offenders
All Project Partners:	Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, Arizona Green Chamber of Commerce, Greater Phoenix Economic Council, City of Phoenix and Maricopa County Workforce Investment





	Boards (WIBs), Arizona Department of Commerce, Maricopa County Community College District, City of Phoenix, Arizona Solar Concepts, Dependable Solar/ETA Engineering, Solar City, Arizona Power Saves, APS, and Greenbuild
Projected Outcomes:	
Curriculum, course materials, or competency models and career ladders developed or updated with grant funds:	AWEE will develop curriculum for Green Industry Career Exploration Workshops designed to recruit and orient job seekers to training and employment preparation activities for targeted occupations. AWEE will also develop curriculum for its “Green Connect” Job Club, a motivational networking and job search program component designed to bridge training and employment in green career pathways.
The number of instructors projected to participate in capacity building activities:	Up to four
The number of individuals projected to be trained by these instructors:	280
The estimated number of other individuals (besides these students and instructors) projected to participate and/or benefit from capacity building activities:	360 individuals will utilize equipment purchased under the grant.
Other Key Project Deliverables:	
	60 individuals will complete training and successfully pass certification testing.
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