



**Nebraska**

<b>Grant Program:</b>	Green Capacity Building
<b>Grantee Name:</b>	<b>Goodwill Industries, Inc., Serving East Nebraska and Southwest Iowa</b>
<b>Grantee City/State:</b>	Omaha, NE
<b>Grant Award Amount:</b>	\$71,714
<b>Initial Period of Performance:</b>	December 2009 – November 2010
<b>Project Name:</b>	Green Capacity Building Initiative to Equip YouthBuild trainees with skills necessary for careers in green building
<b>Project Description:</b>	Through this green capacity-building initiative, YouthBuild Omaha will train at-risk youth in the emerging green-building industry. To provide green building instruction and curriculum for YouthBuild Participants, the initiative will train key staff in nationally-recognized green-building standards, to acquire new technology to teach trainees about home energy efficiency, to expand training curriculum, and finally to develop a weatherization skills training and curriculum development shop.
<b>Areas Served by Grant:</b>	Omaha Metropolitan Area, Douglas County, Nebraska
<b>PUMAs Served:</b>	NA
<b>Auto-Impacted Counties Served:</b>	NA
<b>National or Local Grant:</b>	NA
<b>Targeted Industries:</b>	Green Construction
<b>Targeted Credentials:</b>	Home Builders Institute Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate, credits towards an Associate’s degree in Construction Technology at Metropolitan Community College, LEED credentials for staff
<b>Targeted Occupations:</b>	Construction and Extraction Occupations; Supervisors of Construction and Extraction Workers; Construction Trades Workers’ Painters, Construction and Maintenance Workers; Construction Carpenters; Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers; Electricians; Welders, Cutters, Solderers and Brazers; Construction Managers; Construction Laborers; Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters; Roofers; Construction and Building Inspectors; Heating, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers; Energy Auditors; Weatherization Technicians
<b>Targeted Populations:</b>	At-risk youth, high school dropouts between the ages of 16-24
<b>All Project Partners:</b>	Habitat for Humanity of Omaha, Metropolitan Community College, and Green Building Certification Institute, Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, Kiewit Building Group, Omaha Public Power District, Joint Apprenticeship Training Center





<b>Projected Outcomes:</b>	
Curriculum, course materials, or competency models and career ladders developed or updated with grant funds:	Construction Training curriculum will be completed, with green-building and weatherization integrated into each unit.
The number of instructors projected to participate in capacity building activities:	3
The number of individuals projected to be trained by these instructors:	20
The estimated number of other individuals (besides these students and instructors) projected to participate and/or benefit from capacity building activities:	INA
<b>Other Key Project Deliverables:</b>	The efforts of the proposed capacity expansion will culminate in the construction of the first LEED-certified affordable home in Nebraska. Additionally, this green capacity-building initiative will provide two deliverables for the Employment and Training Administration and for other YouthBuild programs nationwide: 1) a completed construction and training curriculum including segments on green-building and weatherization; and, 2) a cost benefit analysis of energy and water usage for the recently constructed LEED-certified house compared to other Habitat houses built with more traditional design and materials.
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