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| Grant Program: | State LMI Improvement Grants |
| Grantee Name: | Montana Department of Labor and Industry |
| Grantee City/State: | Helena, Montana |
| Grant Award Amount: | \$3,877,949 |
| Initial Period of Performance: | December 2009- May 2011 |
| Project Name: | Northern Plains and Rocky Mountain Consortium: Researching the Green Economy |
| Project Description: | This project entitled, “Researching the Green Economy” will create a consortium consisting of workforce agencies in six contiguous states to improve labor market information (LMI) collection and research in order to enhance the labor exchange system for green careers within and between the participating states. This collaborative effort will allow researchers to effectively distribute green surveys, devise new methods to close the information gap pertaining to green jobs, and research the impact of green technologies on the workforce. The resulting research aims to build a sustainable dialogue relating to green labor demand and supply, build an LMI system sustaining those relationships and establish a design for evaluation as an integral part of a sustained effort. |
| Areas Served by Grant: | Montana, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming |
| All Project partners: | Montana Department of Labor and Industry; Iowa Workforce Investment Board; Nebraska Department of Labor; South Dakota Department of Labor; Utah Department of Workforce Services; and Wyoming Department of Employment. Strategic partners will include each state’s LMI and research agencies, state workforce investment boards, economic development agencies, employers, and state and local educational entities, particularly universities and colleges. |
| Project Deliverables: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Career products; ▪ Green industry demand (publication); ▪ Occupational projections of green jobs (publication); ▪ Skills Requirements and Wage Progression in the Labor Exchange System (publication); ▪ Replacement Need, State Level Empirical Evidence (publication); ▪ Regional New Green Technology in the Northern Plains and Rocky Mountain States: Impact on Skills Conference; ▪ State level conferences; ▪ Inter-consortia conferences and meetings; ▪ Related research deliverables; and ▪ Deliverables to enhance the labor exchange infrastructure. |
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