



California

Grant Program:	Green Capacity Building
Grantee Name:	Able-Disabled Advocacy
Grantee City/State:	San Diego, California
Grant Award Amount:	\$100,000
Initial Period of Performance:	December 2009 – November 2010
Project Name:	GreenWORKS for San Diego
Project Description:	The project will enhance the grantee’s capacity to offer training on the skills required for entry and advancement in green career pathways. The project is intended to improve local job opportunities and promote independence, career success, and financial self-sufficiency for at-risk, drop-out youth with disabilities, as well as low-income adults with disabilities. Key project components include: conducting a community green education and training provider survey to inform development and publication of a directory of green training providers; planning and facilitation of four county-wide green focus groups; establishment of a green industry advisory council; conducting a green employer mapping study’ tailoring curricula to meet the entry-level staffing needs of local green employers; offering staff and partners professional enrichment and educational advancement opportunities in green energy-efficient technologies; and hosting a green industries job fair.
Areas Served by Grant:	San Diego, California
PUMAs Served:	NA
Auto-Impacted Counties Served:	NA
National or Local Grant:	NA
Targeted Industries:	Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
Targeted Credentials:	Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification, National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) Instructor certification, Home Builders Institute’s Pre-Apprenticeship Construction Training certification
Targeted Occupations:	Green Builder And Retrofitter, Solar System Installer, Wind Turbine Technician, Energy Efficiency Auditor
Targeted Populations:	At-risk youth with disabilities that have dropped out of high school and are juvenile offenders, low-income adults with disabilities
All Project Partners:	San Diego Workforce Partnership, San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, California Department of Rehabilitation, City Heights Community Development Corporation, South County Economic Development Council, California Center for Sustainable Energy, San Diego Association of Governments, California Center for





	Sustainable Energy, National Center for Construction Education and Research, HomeBuilders Institute, YouthBuild USA, Local Initiative Support Corps, City of San Diego, San Diego Community College District, San Diego State University, University of California at San Diego, San Diego Housing Authority, Knight and Carver, and San Diego Gas and Electric
Projected Outcomes:	
Curriculum, course materials, or competency models and career ladders developed or updated with grant funds:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Enhancement of existing open-entry/exit blended learning curricula (e-learning combined with hands-on experience), focused in green building technologies; ▪ Enhancement of existing entrepreneurial training program curricula to address self-employment in green industries.
The number of instructors projected to participate in capacity building activities:	15 Able-Disabled Advocacy staff members and 50 project partner staff members will be trained through the grant.
The number of individuals projected to be trained by these instructors:	200 individuals per year will ultimately benefit from participating in training delivered by trained grantee and partner staff.
The estimated number of other individuals (besides these students and instructors) projected to participate and/or benefit from capacity building activities:	More than 50 employers and training providers and more than 200 job seekers will benefit from participation in the grantee’s green industries job fair.
Other Key Project Deliverables:	A directory of green education and training providers in the area; a study and mapping guide on area green employers; reports from four county-wide green focus groups; reports and recommendations issued through a green industry advisory group; and a green industries job fair.
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