



**Alabama**

<b>Grant Program:</b>	Green Capacity Building
<b>Grantee Name:</b>	<b>Aletheia House</b>
<b>Grantee City/State:</b>	Birmingham, Alabama
<b>Grant Award Amount:</b>	\$70,736
<b>Initial Period of Performance:</b>	December 2009 – November 2010
<b>Project Name:</b>	Birmingham YouthBuild Green Job Training Program
<b>Project Description:</b>	Aletheia House operates the existing Birmingham YouthBuild program, a job training program for low-income, at-risk youth, all of whom are unemployed and many of whom have a criminal record. The current curriculum offers training in carpentry, electricity, and plumbing. This project will expand the capacity of the existing Birmingham YouthBuild program by modifying curriculum and obtaining related instructional equipment to teach participants the skills required to increase the energy efficiency of commercial and residential buildings. The program will fund the recruitment and training of an additional instructor that will provide dynamic in-classroom and mentoring experiences for participants. Program participants will apply the skills they learn by conducting energy audits on homes owned by Aletheia House and used to house homeless families and by weathering these homes. YouthBuild program graduates will be linked with weatherization contractors that are seeking to hire qualified workers.
<b>Areas Served by Grant:</b>	City of Birmingham and Jefferson County, Alabama
<b>PUMAs Served:</b>	NA
<b>Auto-Impacted Counties Served:</b>	NA
<b>National or Local Grant:</b>	NA
<b>Targeted Industries:</b>	Construction, focused on Energy Efficiency and Weatherization
<b>Targeted Credentials:</b>	The Pre-Apprenticeship Certificate Training (PACT) credential from the National Association of Homebuilders' Home Builders Institute and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) safety credential
<b>Targeted Occupations:</b>	Commercial Energy Field Auditor, Residential Energy Field Auditor, Insulation Worker, Residential Air Sealing Technician
<b>Targeted Populations:</b>	At-risk, low-income youth, aged 19-24, including youth that have been involved in the criminal justice system





<p><b>All Project Partners:</b></p>	<p>Jefferson County Center for Workforce Development, Birmingham Career Center, Alabama Associated General Contractors, Brasfield &amp; Gorrie and BE&amp;K (area general contractors), area court systems and community corrections programs, Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama, and Jefferson County Committee for Economic Opportunity</p>
<p><b>Projected Outcomes:</b></p>	
<p>Curriculum, course materials, or competency models and career ladders developed or updated with grant funds:</p>	<p>Existing curriculum for carpentry, electricity, and plumbing will be modified to include training in increasing the energy efficiency of commercial and residential buildings.</p>
<p>The number of instructors projected to participate in capacity building activities:</p>	<p>The program will fund the recruitment and training of one additional instructor.</p>
<p>The number of individuals projected to be trained by these instructors:</p>	<p>64</p>
<p>The estimated number of other individuals (besides these students and instructors) projected to participate and/or benefit from capacity building activities:</p>	<p>Program participants will weatherize the homes of at least 15 homeless families. In addition, program participants that are placed in employment will assist in the placement of future program participants by serving as mentors and informing the program of their employers' new green job openings.</p>
<p><b>Other Key Project Deliverables:</b></p>	<p>At least 70% of program participants will earn a nationally-recognized credential</p>
<p><b>Contact Information:</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.specialkindofcaring.org">www.specialkindofcaring.org</a></p>

