



Grantee:	E.C.I.A. Business Growth, Inc.
Location of Grant Activities:	Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin
Areas Affected:	27 county region across Iowa, Wisconsin, and Minnesota
Auto-Impacted County Being Served:	Howard and Chickasaw (IA)
Industries of Focus:	Renewable Wind Energy, Energy Efficiency Assessment, and Energy Efficiency Construction
Highlighted Participants Served:	Unemployed and dislocated workers, high school graduates, veterans, disconnected youth, women, and minorities
National or Local Grant:	Local
Amount:	\$2,060,250
Key Partnerships:	Dubuque Area Labor Management Council and United Labor Participation Committee, Clipper Turbine Works, Acciona Windpower, Independent Wind Turbine Services, LLC., Alliant Energy—IPL, Gronen Restoration/Properties, Loomis Plumbing and Heating, and K & K Gardens, Region 1 Employment and Training (UERPC & ECIA), Wisconsin Workforce Connections, and Minnesota Workforce Development Inc.
Project Description:	Based on industry and partner input through an ongoing Green Jobs Advisory Committee, this initiative will develop and implement three separate career ladders to connect workers to jobs in renewable electric power, energy efficient assessment, and energy efficient building. These three paths include A.A.S. and diploma technician programs in Wind Turbine Repair, as well as RESNET Home Energy Rater training and Green Building Professional certifications for residential and commercial construction. Future curriculum enhancement is also planned for green electrical skills and continuing education in wind technology based on regional job need and supply. Recruitment, placement, retention, and supportive services to enable trainee participation and subsequent successful employment will be integrated into training activities.
Proposed Outcomes:	The grantee will serve 392 participants during the life of the grant, with 344 completing training activities. Trainees will have the opportunity to earn a Diploma or A.A.S. degree as a Wind Turbine Repair Technician, a RESNET certification through successful completion of the National Rater Exam and completion of probationary ratings with a RESNET Rating Provider, and Green Residential Builder and Green Commercial Builder certificates through the Iowa Center on Sustainable Communities based on Iowa energy code and the International Energy Code.



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