



<b>Grant Program:</b>	Pathways Out of Poverty
<b>Grantee Name:</b>	<b>MDC, Inc.</b>
<b>Grantee City/State:</b>	Chapel Hill, North Carolina
<b>Grant Award Amount:</b>	\$3,780,816
<b>Initial Period of Performance:</b>	January 2010 - January 2012
<b>Project Name:</b>	Career Pathways for a Green South
<b>Project Description:</b>	With “Career Pathways for a Green South,” MDC, Inc. will implement a new model for workforce investment. The partnership will draw on the untapped potential of the region’s citizens and will rely on community colleges as hubs for effectively preparing workers for jobs in emerging green industries. MDC will work with four community colleges in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia to build a community of national partnerships and expand existing curriculum in order to reflect emerging trends such as weatherization and alternative energy. MDC staff will provide coaching for each local partnership in order to develop recruitment, training and job placement strategies.
<b>Areas Served by Grant:</b>	Charlotte, NC; North Charleston, SC; Orangeburg, Calhoun & Bamberg Counties, SC; Wise & Dickenson Counties, VA; Scott County, VA
<b>PUMAs Served:</b>	Charlotte, NC (PUMAs 00901, 00902, 00903, 00904); North Charleston, SC (PUMA 02010); Orangeburg, Calhoun & Bamberg Counties, SC (PUMA 01800); Wise & Dickenson Counties, VA (PUMA 02500); Scott County, VA (PUMA 02600)
<b>Auto-Impacted Counties Served:</b>	N/A
<b>National or Local Grant:</b>	National
<b>Targeted Industries:</b>	Energy Efficient Building, Construction & Retrofit; Renewable Energy; and Energy Efficiency
<b>Targeted Credentials:</b>	General Equivalency Diploma; Career Readiness Certificate; Associate Degree; Certificates in Integrated Systems Technology (IST), Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration (AHR) and Sustainability and Renewable Energy Fundamentals; NCEER Core & Certifications: Building Performance Institute (BPI) Manufactured Housing, Envelope, and Building Analyst Professionals; NYSERDA Weatherization Technician Certification; LEED Green Associate certification
<b>Targeted Occupations:</b>	Weatherization Technicians, Manufacturing, Entry-level Power Generation, Wind Technician
<b>Targeted Populations:</b>	Low-wage workers and unemployed individuals
<b>All Project partners:</b>	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Workforce Development Board (CMWDB), Rodgers Builders, Friendship Community Development Corporation, AFL-CIO, Trident Technical





	College, The Noisette Foundation, Central Piedmont, Trident Technical, Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical, Mountain Empire, Share Network, Area 1 and 2, Area 1 WIB and One-Stop Center, Virginia Employment Commission, Regional Adult Education Program of Lee, Scott, Wise & Norton City Schools, the Southwest Regional Adult Education Program, Wise Workforce Center, Wise County Career & Technical Center, Dominion Resources, BP Energy, Appalachian Community Action and Development Agency, Inc, Dominion Resources, The Sustainability Institute, and the Trident Workforce Investment Board
<b>Projected outcomes:</b>	
Total number of participants served:	734
Total number of participants beginning education/training activities:	711
Total number of participants who receive basic education services:	359
Total number of participants who receive supportive services funded by the grant:	320
Total number of participants completing education/training activities:	580
Total number of participants who complete education/training activities that receive a degree/certificate:	515
Total number of participants who complete education/training activities that are placed into unsubsidized employment:	391
Total number of participants who complete education/training activities that are placed into training-related unsubsidized employment:	318
Total number of participants placed in unsubsidized employment who retain an employed status in the first and second quarters following initial placement:	322
<b>Other Key Project Deliverables:</b>	Curricula, outreach materials for weatherization and alternative energy training programs, and partnership models for integrating workforce services and supports





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