



Grant Program:	State LMI Improvement Grants
Grantee Name:	State of Louisiana Office of Occupational Information Services, Research and Statistics Division
Grantee City/State:	Baton Rouge, Louisiana
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Initial Period of Performance:	December 2009 - May 2011
Project Name:	Gulf Coast Green Jobs Initiative
Project Description:	The Louisiana Workforce Commission and the Mississippi Department of Employment Security will create a consortium to research green related economic activity within both states to identify and target green jobs in the region. Project activities will include a survey of green industry employers, the development of multiple reports summarizing industry and occupational competency models, and data mining of Unemployment Insurance claims and job banks. The project will produce a dynamic labor market information tool to help job seekers find employment opportunities in green industries, employers better assess their hiring needs and opportunities for expansion, and educators and training providers develop occupational training and certification curricula necessary to develop green industries in the region.
Areas Served by Grant:	Louisiana and Mississippi
All Project partners:	Mississippi Department of Employment Security; Louisiana Commission; Louisiana and Mississippi State Workforce Investment Boards; Louisiana State University; and Mississippi State University
Project Deliverables:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify key employers, industry groups and trade associations for development of green industries and growth of green jobs in Louisiana and Mississippi; ▪ Conduct one-on-one interviews and focus groups and prepare a summary report; ▪ Acquire financial data on public and private investments in green industries or employers providing green jobs in the region; ▪ Develop a survey instrument and conduct survey of 10,000 employers per state in Louisiana and Mississippi to elicit information regarding employment in green economic activity; ▪ Estimate the current number of green jobs and current job vacancies including information on wages, benefits and demographic characteristics of workers; ▪ A report summarizing the estimated green jobs created by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act as well as other public and private investments; ▪ Identify career ladders, lattices, and pathways including education, experience and skill requirements need to advance to new occupations and prepare summary reports of results; ▪ Meet with educational leaders in each state to disseminate results and prepare a summary report on degree, certification and training programs for addressing deficits in human capital; ▪ A web based inter-active tool to obtain information on skill requirements, training resources, wage potential and career pathways by occupation; ▪ Data mining of job banks to track labor market demand for occupations involved in green economic activity using the Help Wanted Online program; and ▪ Press releases and speaking engagements will be use to inform stakeholders of the availability of the green jobs survey and product deliverables.
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