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Workforce Investment Board of Solano County is Recipient of Green Industry Training Grant

Fairfield - The Workforce Investment Board (WIB) of Solano County, in partnership with the North Bay Employment Connection (NBEC), a regional consortium of Solano, Marin, Napa and Sonoma WIBs, has been awarded \$1,000,000 from the California Clean Energy Workforce Training Program (CEWTP) grant. This grant was awarded by Governor Schwarzenegger's California Recovery Taskforce, in collaboration with the Green Collar Jobs Council, the California Energy Commission, the Employment Development Department, the Employment Training Panel, and the California Workforce Investment Board.

This grant will create the Green Regional Education & Employment in the NorthBay (GREEN) program, which will enable workers in the NBEC region to take advantage of emerging opportunities in green careers by developing linkages to certification-based training pathways, providing training and supportive services, and by placing workers in jobs that are entry-points to long-term career pathways. More specifically, in Solano County, WIB will offer participants training, certification and employment in the green building industry. Services within this project include connecting workers to the training programs and employment services they require, collect and provide green career and workforce information to the business and education community, and develop and provide green career exploration workshops.

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