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Evergreen Jobs Semiannual Report July 2009 — January 2010

In 2009 the Legislature established the Evergreen Jobs Initiative (RCW 43.330.370). The initiative brings business, labor, education, and government together to create fifteen thousand new green economy jobs by 2020. The Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board and Commerce are co-chairing the Evergreen Jobs Leadership Team which includes business, labor, education, and government. The team will capture and deploy Recovery Act funds for job creation in Washington's renewable energy and energy efficiency sectors.

The Evergreen Jobs Initiative required Commerce and the Workforce Board to provide semiannual performance reports to the Governor and appropriate committees of the Legislature. On October 1, 2009 Commerce and the Workforce Board presented a [PowerPoint progress report](#) to the Senate Economic Development, Trade & Innovation Committee. This paper provides an update on progress since that time. Future reports will include employment data specific to green jobs in Washington as programs are funded and begin placing workers.

How much new federal funding has been secured? Where is the money going?

Five U.S. Department of Labor grants have been awarded at this time:

1. The Employment Security Department was awarded \$1 million for [Washington State Labor Market Information Improvement](#). It will create a set of tools and reports that assist job seekers and professionals working to transition people into green jobs.
2. Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Employment for Women (ANEW) was awarded \$100,000 for [Washington Green Capacity Building](#) to train 100 women who are low-income, unemployed, and who may have a criminal record in the Puget Sound and Portland regions. Training will target industries including residential weatherization and energy efficiency, commercial energy efficiency and construction recycling, and hazardous waste disposal.
3. The Northwest Energy Efficiency Council was awarded \$3.8 million for the [Sound Energy Efficiency Development project](#) which will train and place participants in energy efficiency assessment occupations. Approximately 473 participants will be trained through this funding.
4. Oregon Manufacturing Extension Partnership was awarded \$5 million to help build a [skilled workforce in Southwest Washington](#) and Northwest Oregon to support companies that generate power, and assist local manufacturers to retool their workforce. They estimate \$959,000 will come to Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, and Clark Counties to benefit 124 participants seeking training, a degree, or certificate.
5. H-CAP Inc. was awarded \$4.6 million to provide training for workers in King County Washington and three other states to train in [emerging green occupations in health care](#). Nationwide, approximately 3,000 job seekers will receive training. H-CAP will evaluate environmental impact reductions related to energy efficiency, and new cleaning methods that will reduce pollution, waste and water usage.
6. The Workforce Development Council of Seattle-King County was awarded a \$3.6 million Pathways Out of Poverty grant for the [GreenLight Project](#). The program will train approximately 450 participants in green construction, manufacturing, and weatherization.

More applications for funds have been submitted

Additional grant applications in [other categories](#) have been endorsed by the Governor and are currently under review at the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S Department of Labor. More information on the [criteria for the Governor's endorsement](#) is available on the Workforce Board's Web site.

For more information

The Workforce Board's Web site has [more information online](#) regarding the Evergreen Jobs Initiative.

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