

WORKFORCE FLORIDA, INC.

Entrepreneurship and Small Business COMMITTEE

PROJECT PROPOSAL SUBMISSION FORM

Project Name **Green and Sustainable Energy Certification Program**

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Please provide a complete response to each area noted below
(limiting the entire response to no more than five pages)

Proposed Initiative/Project

Purpose:

- Summary
- Relevance to Business Competitiveness Council/Entrepreneurship & Small Business Committee
- Description of similar existing programs/services, if applicable

Scope of Work

- Identify population/number of persons to be served
- Provide goals, performance measures, and expected outcome
- Identify potential partners in the project and describe their level of involvement

Financial:

- Funding needed (to include cost of training per participant served)
- Leveraging of other funds (federal funds, state funds, regional workforce board funds, private funds, etc.)

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1. Please complete the entire form and provide specific information regarding the purpose of the proposed project and its scope of work. Failure to adequately describe the program concept may inhibit its consideration and may result in its rejection.
 2. Please limit the submission to not more than five (5) pages including the form. Individuals/groups submitting a program concept may be called to clarify or expand upon their submittal.
 3. The contact person listed should be someone who can answer specific questions about the proposed program
 4. Maximum project term is 12 months.

Proposed Initiative/Project

Purpose:

This Program will educate existing workers and individuals on the principles of energy conservation, waste reduction, sustainable energy efficiency, maintenance of sustainable energy products, infrastructure, and buildings and allow them to receive industry recognized certifications. The relevance of the Green Manufacturing and Sustainable Energy Proposal to entrepreneurial and small business is that there will be favorable achievement through these means to offer more business opportunities via government contracts to existing small businesses and new businesses; which would in turn allow them to be globally competitive with their larger counterparts.

Summary:

In keeping with the three main roles of the Business Competitive Council this project is in line with the current mission with workforce competitiveness by building Florida's talent pipeline and supporting the move to energy efficiency in becoming a green state.

Scope of Work

- The goal of this project is for participants to obtain LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) and NABCEP PV North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners- photovoltaic) certifications. This will offer advanced training for skilled tradesman who intend to work in this emerging field. This training will upgrade their skills to install and maintain environmentally responsible technology for the industrial, commercial, residential, and manufacturing industries. Potential trainees will need to be appropriately assessed to ensure that they possess the minimum skills, abilities and aptitude to fully benefit from the training, to successfully earn the certifications, and obtain work in this emerging field. The training project is estimated to take 12 months.
- The training will be provided by eligible providers.

Financial:

- Funding needed for this project is estimated at \$210,000.00 based on an average of \$700 per trainee
- Leveraging of other funds will be encouraged particularly if companies choose to take advantage of this program for existing employees.