



WORKFORCE FLORIDA, INC.'S SUSTAINABILITY / INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

WORKSHOP ON DEFINING GREEN JOBS

Friday, May 8, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. EDT

DoubleTree Hotel, 101 South Adams Street

Tallahassee, Florida

8:30 – Welcome/Updates

Chris Hart, President

8:45 – Welcome and Introduction of Speakers

Lila Jaber, Chair

Purpose: *The promise of “green jobs” is rapidly gaining momentum and has important implications for workforce development and potential use of federal workforce stimulus funds. This workshop is designed to identify types of jobs and skills that are and will be in demand in Florida’s green future and other factors affecting the growth of the state’s workforce. Through presentations and input from subject matter experts, Florida can define what a “green job” is and effectively advocate that definition with the U.S. Departments of Energy, Labor and other interested organizations, in response to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and favorably position Florida to receive discretionary funds.*

9:00 Presentation by Jeremy Susac, Executive Director, Florida Energy and Climate Commission

- How is “green” defined in Florida law and why?
- 2009 Energy Legislation Update

9:30 Presentation by Commissioner J.B. Clark, Florida Energy and Climate Commission and Legislative Director for International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)

- How is “green” defined by Organized Labor

10:00 Presentation by Cindy Tindell, Senior Director Development, Florida Power & Light

- How does FPL define “green jobs?”
- What process did the company follow to arrive at its definition?
- What are Florida’s opportunities for growth? Where are the challenges?

10:30 - 10:40 Break

10:40 Presentation by Rebecca Rust, Manager, Labor Market Statistics, Agency for Workforce Innovation

- How have other states defined “green jobs” through industry surveys and labor market information
- What are the challenges?

11:10 Presentation by Al Stimac, President, Manufacturing Association of Florida, Workforce Florida Board Member

- How is “green” defined by MAF and what advanced manufacturing opportunities exist in Florida?
- Are there opportunities for Florida’s existing manufacturers’?

12:00 Public Comments

12:45 Final Comments/Adjourn/Next Steps