

# SUMMARY

## Evergreen Jobs Team Meeting

April 21, 2010

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Davis-Williams Building, 2nd floor conf room

Attendees: Joyce Ahlering (by phone), Ed Bowen, Colin Conant, Mark Fischer, Beth Doglio, Rachael Jamison, Melinda Nichols, Bill Messenger, Chris Parsons, Kairie Pierce, Cory Plantenberg, Cherish Rahikainen, Jennifer Thornton, Greg Weeks, Bryan Wilson, and Morgan Zantua.

TOPIC	SUMMARY	ACTION
Lightening Round	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bryan Wilson: The WTB has been asked to send a letter of commitment regarding the DOE Energy Efficient Building Systems Regional Innovation Cluster Initiative. Working with Commerce. Jody Tanner-Tell is the grant writer.</li> <li>• Barbara Hins-Turner: The Center for Excellence has received nearly \$5M for Smart Grid. Will know in late May when the money is available.</li> <li>• Bryan introduced Rachael Jamison (DNR) and Melinda Nichols (taking Liz Smith's place as LNI's Apprenticeship Program rep) to the team. Beth Doglio will temporarily replace Jessica Finn Coven while she is out.</li> </ul>	
Overview of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Statewide Green Jobs Survey, Timber Drill-Down Data & HB2420	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greg Weeks shared the final 2009 Washington State Green Economy Jobs Report with the team.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The survey identified over 99,000 green jobs in WA in 2009 (private and public sector). Green Jobs are growing!</li> <li>○ Green jobs were defined as those where employees are directly and predominately engaged in at least one of the four green-economy core areas:                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increasing energy efficiency</li> <li>2. Producing renewable energy</li> <li>3. Preventing and reducing environmental pollution</li> <li>4. Providing mitigation or cleanup or environmental pollution</li> </ol> </li> <li>○ No two states are indentifying "green" the same. Michigan/Oregon went off our model. Employment Security will conduct Pennsylvania's Green Jobs Survey. No statue in the United States indentifies a definition of a green job. Each occupational category has potential to go green in some way.</li> <li>○ 70% response rate. Post-survey will focus on non-responders.</li> <li>○ The team would like the next survey to shows <i>newly created</i> jobs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• HB2420 directs Employment Security to study green jobs in the forest products industry and the Workforce Board to include representatives of forest products on green industry skill panels.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ May 5<sup>th</sup> – 5 page report milestones of Green Jobs. June-July forest products and employment focus groups (will work with DNR).</li> <li>○ ESD will analyze the forest products industry occupations to determine key growth factors, employment projections, and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why there was such a huge drop in the Utilities industry (page 19)? Greg will follow-up with the team.</li> <li>• Comments/feedback re: measuring and defining green jobs are open to the EJLT for the Federal Register Notice on Green Jobs. E-mail to Greg.</li> </ul>

	<p>education and skill standards required for existing and emerging green occupations.</p>	
State Energy Program Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cory Plantenberg, Energy Programs Manager, from the State Energy Office shared updates on the 1<sup>st</sup> round of ARRA Energy Grants. Cory and her team have been doing site-visits and are seeing our ARRA dollars go to use.</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> round of ARRA projects (13 chosen out of 48) are underway. See handout. These were reviewed differently than before. 1<sup>st</sup> round, all applications were put into one bucket and reviewed, 2<sup>nd</sup> round the applications were broken into categories then reviewed and chosen.</li> <li>• Job openings created from these projects are required to be posted on the Work Source website. Cory is not aware of any skill shortage to fill these vacancies.</li> </ul>	
National Guard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morgan Zantua and Ed Bowen joined the team to present information on Veteran's job search. They work to find soldiers suitable job fits before they get deployed. However, many employers are worried about hiring and investing in an employee who may get deployed again.</li> <li>• Members of the Armed Forces (both men and women) have a wide range of technical and leadership skills during their time in the military, but often have a difficult time transferring these skills to civilian professions.</li> <li>• When National Guard service members are mobilized by the Dept. of Defense and deploy overseas, upon return, they are given 5 days of transition services before being returned to National Guard status. This situation is unique to National Guard and Reservists.</li> <li>• Working to match soldiers with installation jobs.</li> <li>• There is a huge issue of transferring military credit to years of experience.</li> <li>• The National Guard has strong ties with LNI's Apprenticeship program.</li> <li>• June 24-25, 2010 marks the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Energy &amp; Construction Sustaining Innovation Summit at the Education &amp; Training Center, Satsop Campus in Elma. David Allen (McKinstry) and Charlie Earl (SBCTC) will present.</li> </ul>	
Semi-Annual Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joyce and Molly are working on the Semi-Annual EJLT progress report, due June. Focuses on the number of new green jobs created this year, total federal funding secured, program performance and outcomes, training-related placement rates and summary of survey.</li> </ul>	
Legislative Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HB2420 – Directs ESD to study green jobs in the forest products industry and the WTB to include representatives of forest products on green industry skill panels.</li> <li>• HB2836 – Retrofits schools, public facilities and universities.</li> <li>• HB2561 – Funding for construction of energy cost saving</li> </ul>	

	improvements to public facilities (voter approval in November).	
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