

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act
2009 Regional Plan Deliverables
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Regional Councils and local stakeholders were encouraged and empowered to develop a regional, collaborative workforce plan that connects workers impacted by the recession to employment opportunities in high-growth and high-demand industries. Consistent with the State model, the plans are driven by regional labor market and economic information that identifies short and long-term workforce needs within the targeted industries. The following deliverables have been completed or are ongoing in each region.

DELIVERABLE #1

Grants - Development & Support Help convene and support local partnerships to apply for ARRA and other grants to meet the needs of industry and workers during the economic downturn. Recent solicitations and grant submissions include:

- Health care and High Growth Sectors – 6 grant applications
- Pathways out of Poverty (EE/RE) – 2 applications
- Energy Sector
 - Energy Training Partnership Grants – 3 grant applications
 - State Energy Sector Partnership (SESP)– grant application due 10/20

DELIVERABLE #2

Convene meetings of current and potentially new partners to coordinate regional workforce development ARRA/stimulus efforts. Review LMI and ARRA occupations list and identify any additional occupations important to the local economy.

DELIVERABLES #3

Working with education, review and align the skills, curriculum and pathways in each region to meet the workforce needs for identified important local industry sectors and occupations.

Engage local industry and partners in the ongoing process of identifying, revising and creating career ladders and lattices that align with talent pathways.

- eSkills or similar tools will be used to accomplish the skills and curriculum reviews

DELIVERABLE #4

Work with DWS and One Stops to help ensure comprehensive workforce and economic information drives training investments and guides job seekers to careers in high-growth, high-demand industries.

DELIVERABLE #5

Review and assess local training resources. Participate in a comprehensive asset-mapping effort to identify and understand the full range of workforce, education and training resources available in the region and identify gaps. Determine if qualified providers offering training in the targeted industries are on the Approved Training Provider list.