

Iowa Receives Green Jobs Grant

Iowa has been awarded a three-year, \$5.9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to expand Iowa's growing green economy sector and develop the skills necessary in the workforce to succeed in this new economy.

Iowa's grant will target renewable energy and efficiency. The overall goal of the grant is to bring state resources together to further develop the national green economy.

Iowa will focus on sustainable job growth in the energy sector, and training workers with portable skills that provide opportunities and movement within the green sector.

Over the last three years, Iowa has become a world leader in renewable energy. We are 1st in the nation in ethanol production, 2nd in the nation in wind energy production, and 2nd in the nation in biodiesel production.

Key partners within the Energy Sector Grant include the Governor's Office, Iowa Office of Energy Independence, Iowa Workforce Development, Iowa Association of Business and Industry, Iowa Association of Community College Trustees, Iowa Department of Education, Master Builders of Iowa, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, Iowa Utility Association, Iowa Federation of Labor AFL-CIO, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Central Iowa Works, Siouxland Tri-State Regional Innovation Project, Center for Industrial Research Services, Institute for Decision Making, and Kirkwood Community College Outreach Services.