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Notes from Brownfields Jobs Training Professional Learning Community (PLC) Session #26

Session leader: Mike Senew

Topic: How certifications complement a comprehensive curriculum

NOTES FROM SESSION 26

(A note from AL Dyson, PLC member: Anyone interested in doing business with South Africa, contact me. Also, I need a copy of a Brownfields proposal approved for an EPA grant, if a non-proprietary copy is available. The non-profit "South Memphis Development Corporation" is planning revitalization of low-income neighborhoods. We're interested in:

Brownfield Programs

Weatherization programs

Green Building Projects

Both Residential and Commercial Development Projects

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Session 26 reviewed the primary certifications and core competencies provided by Brownfields Job Development and Training grantees. As noted, some of the certifications are administered federally, and some by federal and state governments (if the state accepts authority). Other certifications are administered by states and some have no governmental certifying authority. Those with no certifying authority may be administered by an association, nonprofit, or an educational institutional. In certain cases, the certification process may take the form of a list of approved vendors or licensed contractors. Below is a list of certifications the offered by Brownfields Job Development and Training programs.

1. BPI weatherization certifications
2. Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) based certifications www.waptac.org
3. OSHA 40-Hour Hazardous Waste and Emergency Response (29CFR 1910.120(e) (HAZWOPER) – A required certification for all Brownfields job training grantees
4. OSHA 10-Hour Construction (49 CFR 172.704)
5. OSHA Confined Space Entry (29 CFR 1910.146)
6. EPA Renovation, Repair, and Painting (40 CFR 745.85)
7. EPA Asbestos State and Federal (40 CFR Part 763 pt c-e)
8. EPA Lead Worker (state-based)
9. EPA Radon Abatement Worker (state-based)
10. EPA Mold Abatement Worker (state-based – not well developed)
11. First Aid (national)
12. Commercial Driver's License (CDL) (state-based)
13. Electrical, General Construction, Carpentry (OSHA)
14. Ladders (OSHA)
15. Forklift Operator (OSHA)
16. Lockout/Tagout (OSHA)

17. Fall Protection (OSHA)
18. All-Hazards certification (program-based)
19. Microbial Remediation (program-based)

With such a large list of potential certifications and areas of core competencies, it is imperative that a Brownfields Job Training Program customize its program based on community needs and the local job market. Indeed, certifications and curriculum may change from one training cycle to another based on employer labor needs.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Next PLC session: Wednesday, August 18, 2010
 2:00 p.m. EDT

Topic: Student placement, tracking, and program sustainability

Feel free to invite a guest! Those who have not previously signed up, please paste <http://tiny.cc/w41fh> in your browser and complete the online form with your contact information.

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