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WIB Sponsors Green Jobs Training at COS

National Emergency Grant will fund certification training in Building Performance

Visalia, CA — The Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County (WIB) announced today it will fund training for previously laid-off workers to become certified in conducting home energy assessments. The training will be held at College of the Sequoias and is accredited by the Building Performance Institute, a national organization that develops technical standards in home energy efficiency and retrofitting.

“The green jobs sector is going to be a growth industry in Tulare County and the Central Valley,” said Adam Peck, Executive Director of the WIB. “We are very enthused to be able to collaborate with College of the Sequoias on this great opportunity.”

The training will be a two-week course and will provide training for two certifications. It will also include online review of course materials before classes begin. The course begins on March 7 at COS and the second begins on March 21. The course will prepare students to become a certified Building Analyst Professional (BAP) and Building Envelope Professional (BEP).

A certified BAP performs comprehensive, whole-home assessments, identify problems at the root cause and prescribe and prioritize solutions based on building science. A certified BEP measures performance and prescribes improvements to help tighten the building envelope (shell), stop uncontrolled air leakage and optimize comfort, durability and HVAC performance.

“The funding comes from the \$4.7 million National Emergency Grant awarded to the Central Valley for different types of job training for what we call ‘dislocated,’ or laid-off, workers,” said Peck.

For more information on the training, call the Employment Connection at 713.5000, or stop in at any of the Employment Connection offices. For office locations, please visit www.employmentconnect.org.

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