



New York City Stimulus Tracker Pending Funding Requests: Grant Application Tracker

Lead Federal Agency: Department of Energy

Application Submitted by: NYC Economic Development Corporation

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ARRA Funding Source: Recovery Act – Solar Market Transformation, Topic 2: Solar Workforce Development, Category 1: Regional Resource & Training Providers

Funding Source Description: The Department of Energy's "Solar Market Transformation" grant intends to accelerate the wide-spread adoption of solar electric technologies across the United States. For this funding announcement, DOE is looking to address the workforce development needs of the solar industry. The overall goal is to promote an increase in the quality and availability of instruction relating to the installation of solar energy systems.

Grant Description: Funding under this grant is to provide training and professional development to instructors who are creating or improving existing solar energy installation training courses. The Regional Resource & Training Providers (grant awardees under this category) will also be active members of the soon to be created National Consortium for Solar Installer Instructor Training.

Grant Amount: \$2,718,622

Anticipated benefits: This "Train the Trainers" program will form the platform and network for training the solar workforce in NYC and the Northeast Region that will help streamline training for solar energy installation in urban electric grids. Through instructor training based on North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) analysis, program building, and curriculum development, the NYC Solar America Cities Train the Trainer Initiative will play a critical role in creating a solar energy workforce.