

Training Resource Center

Training Alert

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Weatherization Jobs and Training: August 3, 2009

What are *Training Alerts*? Based on counselor feedback and labor market trends, ISEEK's Training Resource Center researches short-term training opportunities in high-growth, and/or in-demand occupations and industries. *Training Alerts* focus on immediate training to support counselors' need for short-term, work-related training that lead to a credential recognized by Minnesota's employers.

WEATHERIZATION TRAINING & A.R.R.A.

News agencies are reporting stories about local homes being weatherized using federal A.R.R.A. and state funds. **While jobs are attached to this funding, the path to training and jobs requires careful research and planning.**

Dakota County Technical College (DCTC) recently completed weatherization training for contractors supporting Dakota, Scott, and Carver counties. According to Pat McQuillan, DCTC's coordinator of weatherization training, this federal funding for weatherization was coordinated from Minnesota's counties through Minnesota's CAP agencies via local contractors. DCTC's weatherization training targeted contractors, not dislocated workers.

To find out about possible work options and qualifications such as federal certification requirements, **interested workers should contact weatherization contractors directly.** Each county should have information about the contractors who are qualified for their weatherization projects.

GREEN, ENERGY & SUSTAINABILITY JOBS

Trying to **keep current on trends in "green" jobs and training options?** ISEEK's blog allows local subject matter experts to weigh in on various topics. "Green" postings are popular with counselors. Learn what your colleagues are saying and provide your own insights. <http://iseekinteractive.org/blog/>

MINNESOTA ENERGY CAREERS WEBSITE

ISEEK recently launched its new **Minnesota Energy Careers** website. Use it to learn about occupations, training, and job openings in the energy industry. www.MnEnergyCareers.org

ENERGY TECHNICIAN DEGREE

Nine Minnesota universities will offer an **Energy Technician degree** starting this fall. Students will prepare to work in traditional energy industries, such as in electric generation plants, or they can specialize in a renewable-energy field.

www.mnscu.edu/media/newsreleases/current/article.php?id=106

ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDING OPERATIONS

Minnesota State University, Mankato, offers a **Sustainable and Energy Efficient Buildings Certificate.** www.mnsu.edu/ext/cpe/sustainable.html

ISEEK's **Training Resource Center** allows counselors to quickly find or request training to help Minnesotans become reemployed.