



CALIFORNIA GREEN CORPS

*PUTTING FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS DOLLARS TO WORK TRAINING CALIFORNIA'S YOUTH
TO EXCEL IN EMERGING GREEN JOBS*

A new program that is unlike anything else in the nation ... the Green Corps will help underprivileged young people learn job skills while we create a well-trained workforce for clean technology and the green economy. (Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, 3/16/09)

Making use of federal economic stimulus dollars and public-private partnerships, Governor Schwarzenegger is continuing his work to revive California's economy and provide hands-on action to improve the environment by creating the California Green Corps. The Governor's Green Corps will place at least 1,000 at-risk youth aged 16-24 into green jobs over the next 20 months. The program, to be housed within CaliforniaVolunteers, will use federal economic stimulus dollars and resources from public-private partnerships to invest \$20 million in ensuring that California has the workforce to fill the jobs of the future. The green job market will only continue to expand – and this program will train the skilled workers to fill it.

This inventive program takes the Governor's ongoing commitment to the environment and to creating green jobs one step further – bringing it to underserved communities. Green technology is the future of California's economy and with the California Green Corps, the Governor is making sure that at least 1,000 at-risk youth will receive the proper training to help comprise it.

- In the years to come, California is going to need thousands more workers to be a part of our growing green industry – the Green Corps will help prepare those workers. We will need construction workers, cost estimators, energy analysts, computer technicians, salespersons, scientists, engineers, and many others.
- At least 1,000 at-risk youths will be placed in green jobs through the 20-month Green Corps pilot program – building up both underserved communities and our green workforce.
- There will be at least 10 regional Green Corps, and at least one in each of state's nine economic regions, that should begin serving youth by this Summer. In order to participate, regional organizations must partner to apply for a grant from the state. A Green Corps Advisory Committee will select the winning models.
- To help ensure the success of the Green Corps, it will be housed within CaliforniaVolunteers. This agency is in a unique position to work across state agencies, regional non-profits, foundations and businesses as well as to leverage federal economic stimulus monies – because this is what CaliforniaVolunteers does every day.

The California Green Corps will further the vision shared by Governor Schwarzenegger and President Obama of helping our economy rebound while creating a greener America. The Governor has long called for a serious federal investment in green technology, and now with a partner in the White House, California can further benefit from its own investments.

- Governor Schwarzenegger plans to dedicate \$10 million of the federal economic stimulus money to the California Green Corps. These funds will help bring 1,000 new and skilled workers into California's green sector – furthering California's already nation-leading efforts.

California will use public-private partnerships to bring an additional \$10 million to the table to jumpstart the California Green Corps. This will bring the total amount invested in the Green Corps to \$20 million.

- Because of public-private partnerships, all Green Corps participants will have especially unique and comprehensive training. All participants will receive a stipend but must also complete job training focused

on green jobs with a future, continue their education, and contribute to their communities through community service.

In the next decade, California will need tens of thousands of skilled workers to fill the jobs of the green economy. Estimates for the number of jobs that will be created because of California's green policies range to up to 114,000 and up to \$25.3 billion in additional annual revenue.

- In California UC Berkeley estimated that the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32) alone would lead to 83,000 new green jobs by 2010. (Assembly Bill 3018, [Assembly Committee Analysis](#))
- A report issued by the Natural Resources Defense Council estimated that by 2010, capital investments in California could see the creation of between 52,000 and 114,000 green jobs with a corresponding \$11.2 billion to \$25.3 billion in annual revenue." (Assembly Bill 3018, [Assembly Committee Analysis](#))

This program furthers the goals of California's Green Collar Jobs Council, created when the Governor signed Assembly Bill 3018 in September 2008. That Council is charged with "developing a comprehensive approach to address California's emerging workforce needs associated with its budding "green" economy." (Office of the Governor, [Press Release](#), "Gov. Schwarzenegger Continues Commitment to Building a Green Economy," 9/26/08)