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Notes from Brownfields PLC session #7

Session leader: Open discussion

Topic – Integrating job training into Brownfields economic redevelopment

Session 7 Participants

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NOTES FROM SESSION 7

The PLC began with contributions by Guy Zaczek from Niagara County Community College. Guy pointed out via email that in New York, the energy inspector remains at the top of the “food chain”, followed by the energy auditor and then the construction / weatherization worker.

Inspector

Auditor

Weatherization Worker

Lead-based renovation repair training programs identify the following position titles:

Inspector

Supervisor

Risk assessor

Designer

Abatement worker

The question remains if, when and who will present certification and training programs for energy conservation workers. Fragmented programs have already been marketed but none similar in scope and depth to EPA’s lead and asbestos programs.

Discussion during the seventh meeting centered on an innovative program Valerie Amor with the GC Connection is attempting to establish in Florida. Points that make Valerie’s program different than many Brownfield job development programs are:

1. Valerie would like to establish an integrated Brownfields redevelopment program which includes job training as a component of a larger system.
2. Job training would be key and included in design, planning, and implementation of other phases of the project.
3. Partnerships include architects, developers, city officials, trainers, and contractors all working together with the community redevelopment corporation.

As an interesting aside, Valerie recruited volunteers to work with her on Craig's List. The result of her recruitment invitation was a newly energized team of 12 architects to get the project started.

Labor market assessment, participant recruitment and placement are of prime concern as the project develops.

Post meeting contributions by others are appreciated. Please copy to all PLC members. Thanks.

The next PLC session 8 will begin at 1:00 pm Central on Wednesday August 5th.

Session leader: Open discussion

Topic: Certifications, Curriculum

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