

Economic Inclusion

This program focuses on training & technical assistance in related to 1) contractor training in green building technologies and policies, 2.) online monitoring and compliance and 3) workforce training and integration.

Opportunities:

- The construction industry added 30,000 jobs last month, according to the Labor Department. That brings the sector's 2017 gains to 210,000 positions, a 35 percent increase over the previous year.
- Greater commitment to diversity and inclusion within local and state policies and initiatives.
- Labor shortage and changing demographics aging workforce and growing communities of color – require a pipeline of new workers in ACE.
- Anticipated large scale investments in green and resilient infrastructure require increased training & access for MWDBE contractors trained in green building/construction sector.

Challenges:

- Legacy challenges: access to capital, bonding and insurance.
- Lack of access to information regarding rapidly changing building standards, technology and equipment.
- Lack of data on MWBEs
- Inner city schools do not offer youth opportunities in ACE
- Historic labor force barriers for out of school youth.



The goal of ECC's
Economic Inclusion
Program is to connect
disadvantaged
communities to jobs,
business opportunities
and community
prosperity in the growing
clean economy.

Programs and Services:

- Design and implementation of inclusive procurement strategies and policies (e.g., PLAs, Community Benefits Agreements, procurement policies)
- Proactive and on-line monitoring and compliance
- Contractor training and technical assistance
- Design and implementation of workforce development training (e.g. Building Operators and FSP)

Metrics:

- Number of contracts awarded
- Number of training participants and completed
- Number of established and created partnerships
- Number of jobs for each participant

Selected Recent Clients includes: City of New Orleans, Mayors Office of Economic Development, Los Angeles County, Office of Sustainability, Cuyahoga County, Office of Sustainability, City of Seattle, Office of Sustainability and the Environment, Seattle City Light, Mission Housing, San Francisco, California, City of Portland Water Bureau Federal General Services Administration, Portland Regional Office, and Peralta Community College District/Laney College.