

Green Jobs for Women Roundtable

Eight things to know about Green Jobs for Women in Minnesota

Friday, September 11, 2009 -- 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Lakes and Plains Regional Council of Carpenters and Joiners Training Hall

1. What's Green?: An overview and definition of green jobs by Rachel Vilsack, Regional Labor Market Analyst from the state Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED).

2. Green Law: An overview of state and federal "green legislation" - past, present, future from Amy Brenengen, Office on the Economic Status of Women

3. Greenbacks for Green: Current and potential government funding opportunities for green initiatives reviewed; including an overview of the federal stimulus dollars directed towards the green economy, Anne Olson, Director, Minnesota Workforce Council Association.

4. Green Business: Rebecca Lundberg, CEO of Powerfully Green, shares insight as a woman business owner in the green industry.

5. Green on the Ground: Michelle LeBeau, founder and owner of Duluth-based Women in Construction, LLC, talks about working and building green.

6. Training Green: Mary Dahlquist, from the Apprentice Opportunity Pilot Project talks about training and preparing women for green careers.

7. It's Not Easy Getting in on Green: Information on challenges women of color, immigrant women, veterans and women with disabilities have in engaging in the green movement. Vanessa Livingston, ALANA Green (African, Latina and Native Americans)

8. Harnessing Green - Enter the EcoHouse!

Pamela McCurdy, Strategic Marketing Specialist from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency talks about using the EcoHouse as a model for envisioning a green future in Minnesota.

Concluding Commentary and Keynote

Senator Ellen Anderson, Chair of the Minnesota Senate Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Budget Division, talks about the green movement in Minnesota, with comments on the role of women in this work.

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