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Gateways to Green Building Offers Training in Basic Construction

South Bay - Gateways to Green Building is a program funded by the US Department of Labor in partnership with the United Way of Greater Los Angeles and Jobs for the Future. Gateways to Green Building is a program that offers training in basic construction with an emphasis on residential energy efficiency and home performance. This program aims to create a well-trained energy efficiency workforce in Los Angeles County at no cost to eligible residents.

Partner organizations include: the U.S. Green Building Council Los Angeles Chapter, Build it Green, the California Building Performance Contractors Association, Century Center for Economic Opportunity, Richard Heath and Associates, Inc., the Association of Energy Engineers and El Camino College Business Training Center.

Participants will receive the following certifications from our Training Partners:

- Certified Green Building Professional
- Sustainable Development Technician I
- Certificate of Completion for Weatherization and Energy Retrofit Fundamentals
- Certificate of Workplace Readiness
- Building Performance Institute Building Analyst (for those who qualify)

Registration is now open for the next cohort, which will begin in late August of 2011. Space is limited!

To qualify for Gateways to Green Building you must:

- Be currently unemployed or under-employed
- Demonstrate at least an 8th grade proficiency level in Reading and Math
- Have a current driver's license and no more than 2 points on your driving record
- Live in one of the following: 90746 90247 90248 90249 90250 90260 90303 90304 90002 90003 90007 90011 90037 90044 90047 90058 90059 90061 90062 90220 90221 90222 90262 90275 90280 90501 90502 90710 90717 90723 90731 90732 90744 90802 90803 90804 90805 90806 90807 90810 90813 9081
- Meet additional eligibility criteria

Those who meet the above requirements should call the **Century Center for Economic Opportunity at 310-225-3060** to register for the next information session. Information sessions are held every Wednesday at 11:00 a.m.

For further information please contact Brenda Ramirez at 310-970-7760.



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South Bay Environmental Services Center (SBESC)

The SBESC is the South Bay's local clearinghouse for energy and water efficiency training, materials and other environmental information. SBESC works closely with the sixteen South Bay cities and County Unincorporated Areas of the South Bay on the implementation of energy and water saving projects that reduce greenhouse gases as well as costs. SBESC provides resources and tools to assist residents, businesses, and public agencies in better understanding the potential for energy and water efficiency within their homes and businesses. The Center hosts a wide variety of seminars, training sessions, and participates in many community events to assist consumers in making the best decision regarding energy and water use. The SBESC is operated by the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) which partners with The Gas CompanySM, Southern California Edison, West Basin Municipal Water District, City of Torrance Water Department, Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and County of Los Angeles. Visit www.sbesc.com for the latest activities, schedules and opportunities to participate in a greener South Bay.

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