



A State Energy Sector Partnership (SESP) Grant awarded to the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment provides Entrepreneurship training to unemployed Coloradans looking to start energy efficiency (EE) and renewable energy (RE) businesses. The State will provide funding to would be entrepreneurs in the RE and EE fields during 2012 to receive business start up and development training as well as consulting from top industry professionals.

After completing 5 days of training, each Scholarship Recipient shall:

- Have completed a business concept statement
- Have completed a business concept feasibility assessment
- Be capable of delivering a presentation and concept to prospective investors
- Know how to find prospective investors and market your idea
- Have completed a business plan

Entrepreneurs with ideas for Clean Energy businesses like these are encouraged to apply:

- Weatherization, HVAC, and insulation installation
- Biofuels manufacturing, distribution, sales, or usage
- “Green” design, construction, or building materials
- Wind energy manufacturing, sales, and installation
- Recycling
- Energy efficient lighting
- Sustainability practices and consulting
- Geothermal construction, sales, and installation
- Solar manufacturing, sales, or installation
- Any other ideas related to these industries will also be considered

The Final 5 day training session will be:

Wednesday, April 18, 2012
Friday, April 20, 2012
Monday, April 23, 2012
Wednesday, April 25, 2012
Friday, April 27, 2012

The 5 days of training will be held at the Innovation Pavilion in Centennial but candidates from other parts of the state may attend via Skype. More details will be provided in the coming weeks.

There will only be 2 Entrepreneurship training sessions for the year and candidates must be available to attend each day between **9am to 5pm**.

After the 5 day training, leading Colorado efficiency and renewable energy companies will help participants take practical steps to further analyze and develop their business and financial plans, set up accounting and operations systems, create sales and marketing strategies, obtaining licenses and copyrights, and where to find venture capital. The following companies will provide consulting based on your industry needs:

- Lightly Treading - www.lightlytreading.com
- The LEEGH - www.theleeegh.org
- Energy Environmental - www.energyenvironmentalcorp.com
- Namaste Solar - www.namastesolar.com
- Solar Energy International - www.solarenergy.org

Each entrepreneur will schedule up to 11 hours of additional mentoring with these professionals to review and finalize their business plans during 2012. Consultation time will be scheduled as needed into a minimum one hour and maximum of four hour sessions based on need and availability.

All of your business ideas will be protected by non-disclosure agreements signed by our industry partners to ensure your proprietary information remains confidential.

If you know someone who is unemployed and not receiving a salary that is a potential candidate for Entrepreneurship training please contact us. Candidates will need to complete an application and provide documentation for evidence of their eligibility to Colorado Dept. of Labor & Employment before being officially enrolled.

There will only be one training in March and one in April so candidates must respond quickly because space is limited.

This training is paid for by Colorado Department of Labor and Employment.

To receive additional information or begin the application process please email or call:

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