

Ohio GROWs Advisory Committee

Friday, September 30, 2011

Present: Danal Neal, representing Contractors (Chapter Manager, Dayton NECA); Michael Hines, Ohio GROWs Field Coordinator; Tom Stuckey, representing Ohio Board of Regents (President, Northwest State Community College); Mike Hassell, Ohio GROWs Field Coordinator; Ed Emerick, representing the Ohio Electrical Training Directors Association (Training Director, Mahoning-Trumbull EJATC); Jim Burgham, representing Labor and Workforce Investment Act (Business Agent, IBEW Local 64); Judy Ennis, Ohio GROWs Project Director; and Marsha Kujawa, Ohio GROWs Administrative Assistant. Guests: Jeff Betts, WBGU-TV; Dave Moran, IBEW-International Rep Fourth District; Frank Piatt, NECA-Eastern Region Field Rep

Absent: Jason Szymanski, representing instructors in the program (Instructor, Toledo EJATC) (Jason was giving wind turbine climbing and safety demonstrations); Diana Schwind, representing grant participants (member Local 8 IBEW)

I. Welcome and Introductions

Judy welcomed everyone to the Advisory meeting and glad they could all attend the dedication of the TEJATC wind turbine, the Ohio Energy Solutions Summit and the Advisory Committee meeting. Judy had asked Jeff Betts, Dave Moran and Frank Piatt to stop by and they were introduced. Judy stated that Jeff was the one who produced the Ohio GROWs grant training DVD and he was great to work with.

II. OELMCC

Jim Burgham, Co-Chair of the Ohio Electrical Labor Management Cooperative Committee (OELMCC) gave a brief history of the OELMCC, its connection with the Ohio Energy Solutions Summit and the Ohio GROWs project. Jim stated that Dave, Frank and the Ohio GROWs staff were vital to these projects. The OELMCC is made up of different views and ideals but were all for the common good and utilizing the training the Ohio GROWs grant provides.

III. Review of Grant

Judy went over some key numbers which were pulled off of the RAD report for the Ohio GROWs grant. As of this morning, 2070 participants served; 739 participants employed (need more participants entered as employed and Judy knows there are more employed to be entered); 1367 unemployed. Judy just got a letter for the Department of Labor hitting us on the employment and unemployment figures. Mike Hassell and Mike Hines need to update employment figures for the participants from their locals as soon as possible. Dave Moran requested the list of participants to help by checking the ERT system for employment.

The final date of the Ohio GROWs grant is January 14, 2012. Training has been extended through the end of November but everyone would have to be diligent in getting their paperwork into the Ohio GROWs office by the end of the first week in December allowing time for processing before the grant ends. Judy still wants the JATC's to continue training and to be sure and put their apprentices thought the training if at all possible.

Ed Emmerick stated all available apprentices have taken the training from his Local #64. Their apprentices take night classes and work during the day so time is an element for the apprentices to get the training in. It was suggested that Friday evening/all day Saturday classes might work into the schedule.

Judy asked what type of support services the JATC's could use. Tutoring?? Local 8 uses ALEKS, would this be beneficial to other JATC's? Ed states he would be interested in ALEKS and some training manuals. Also, some type of wind maintenance manuals for additional training as all of the JATC's will continue with this training after the Grant ends. How about filming the training classes? This way the training could be viewed at other times by participants but receive the same exact training. Ed did say #64 filmed the company reps who spoke at their Energy Efficiency class so they would not have to come back for subsequent classes and this way everyone saw the exact same thing.

Would it be possible the Grant could front costs for the filming of classes such as wind turbine maintenance?? Something like the lineman demos – animated. At least pay for the contract even if not completed by the end of the Grant.

IV. Field Coordinators Report

Mike Hassell – Warren ##573 received a grant for a wind turbine and as of this past summer were able to provide the Wind Turbine/Competent Climbing training. Cleveland #38 JATC has outfitted the roof of their JATC with solar panels. Columbus #683 did a retro fit of a building for Extreme Makeover. Youngstown, Painesville, Cleveland are getting as many of their journeyman and apprentices through the Ohio GROWS grant that they can....hats off to the Training Directors.

Mike Hines – Wheeling #141 received a grant and bought their own solar equipment; Portsmouth #575 is his shining star (and his own Local) and they have sent their instructor out to Wheeling, Huntington and Marietta to train. Mike will again check with the Line Builders #71 and #245 and see if he can get them to utilize the training.

Judy Reported –

Originally there were only 9 JATC's that were going to do training but now all 19 of the JATC's sights are able to provide training in Energy Efficiency/Building Automation and Solar Photovoltaics thus there is still travel dollars available in the grant. Most of the travel dollars are being spent for Wind Turbine/Competent Climbing as only Toledo and Warren JATC can provide this training.

On the exit survey for the Grant the participant numbers should be sizeable and the money spent. The money spent by the JATC's for equipment for photovoltaic and Energy Efficiency is not countable under the Grant.

Capstone individuals, those who have completed all three areas of training (Wind Turbine/Competent Climbing, Building Automation/Energy Efficiency and Solar Photovoltaics) as of this date is 281 individuals. Judy stated the Capstone Certification is just not exclusive to training under the Ohio GROWS grant. It can include Train-the-Trainer classes and classes taken before and after the Grant ends also. The JATC and the Training Director are the ones who request the certificate from the NJATC so it is up to them to follow up after the Grant ends.

III. Financials

Marsha gave a financial update on the training dollars spent by each JATC, number of classes held, and number of participants who have gone through the program. Items attached to the minutes.

Judy thanked everyone for attending the Advisory Committee meeting and the FMCS Summit – Ohio Energy Solutions Summit – and stated she will email the Ohio GROWs close out report to each of them.