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Dear Job Corps Staff,

The new dorm at the Golconda Job Corps Center, featured in this issue of the R&R Field Report, is a great example of how Job Corps is using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds to make improvements that will pay long-term dividends. Like many other ARRA projects, the new dorm helps Job Corps meet goals of making our facilities "greener" while improving overall living conditions for students. It is just one of the many ARRA initiatives that have helped centers across the nation make improvements to career training programs and to the campuses where our students live, learn, and train.

We also spotlight improvements being made to career training programs to prepare our students to meet the needs of today's workforce. The Earle C. Clements Job Corps Center serves as a great example of how green training is being implemented into the Automotive and Machine Repair career pathway to benefit our students.

A new demand in the health care field has led Job Corps to launch the Electronic Health Record Specialist (EHRS) Certification Pilot Program, which will be available to students who have already completed one of the several health care career training programs. This emerging technology aims to cut back reliance on paper records, helping the health care field reduce its impact on the environment.

Please continue to share your success stories and photos of ARRA-funded projects, large and small, by e-mailing them to ojc.arra@dol.gov or submitting them online at www.greensnap.org. As always, thank you for your continued commitment to ARRA and to the Job Corps program.

Sincerely,

Edna Primrose
National Director

Center Spotlight: Earle C. Clements



An Earle C. Clements Automotive student shows off the center's new hybrid vehicle

The repair of hybrid vehicles, new waterborne paint, and new equipment are just a few of the changes in the automotive training program at the Earle C. Clements Job Corps Center that will prepare students for new career opportunities.

"It's important to learn about hybrid cars now because they're the future of where the car industry is headed," said Antoine Sorrells, automotive student at the Earle C. Clements Job Corps Center. "Hopefully, by learning about this new green technology, we can have secure jobs in the future."

Hybrid cars and advanced training are being provided as part of the hybrid education program. Students learn about the different parts of the car, how to repair them, and how these vehicles differ from gasoline-fuel vehicles.



Golconda Job Corps Center Constructs New Dorm

Golconda Job Corps Center students returned from summer break to a new, state-of-the-art dormitory, an ARRA project that generated local jobs and provided training opportunities for center students.

The 68-bed male dormitory, completed in late July, was built by 2M Construction Group, with Golconda students assisting in the installation of piping and a drainage system. Among other facility enhancements, the \$3 million dormitory features several environmentally friendly features, including:

- The use of thermoplastic polyolefin (TPO) roofing that is heat-reflective and -resistant, which reduces the energy output required to heat and cool the dorm;
- Hardie Board Siding, made with recycled products originally extracted from local plants;
- Energy-efficient lighting and ample windows to maximize natural light;
- Energy Star-rated washers and dryers;
- Independent water and energy meters that measure energy output and compare it to other buildings; and
- Low-flow showers, sinks, and toilets, energy-efficient water heaters, boilers, and air conditioning units.



Golconda Job Corps Center's new dorm – The Riviera

To see more photos of Golconda's new dorm, click [here](#).

To learn more about the construction of the new facility, watch this [video](#).

Because hybrid cars are the future of the car industry, the program is providing skills to Clements auto students that will make them more employable.

With ARRA funds, officials at Clements also replaced several pieces of equipment, including safety filters and masks used by students learning how to paint automobiles.

Environmentally friendly waterborne car paint will be mandated by the automotive industry in 2014, but many body shops and car manufacturers are already transitioning away from traditional car paint. Clements' auto program is giving its students a head start in obtaining employment by providing waterborne painting instruction this year.

To see more photos of Clements auto students at work, [click here](#).

To learn more about the new training techniques at Clements, watch this [video](#).



Job Corps launches pilot program for potential fourth green career pathway

Ninety students have already enrolled in a new training program launched this spring that will prepare them for new opportunities in electronic health records. The Electronic Health Record Specialist (EHRS) Certification Pilot Program requires 80 hours of classroom instruction and 25 to 30 hours of hands-on training to attain certification.



The year-long program will be available to approximately 500 students at eight Job Corps centers across the country. Before enrolling in EHRS, students must already have completed one of the following Job Corps career training programs: Office Administration, Clinical Medical Assistant, Medical Office Support, or Nurse Assistant/Home Health Aide.

“It’s exciting to see Job Corps participating in such an innovative training initiative,” said Tamela Freeman, medical office support instructor at the Sierra Nevada Job Corps Center. “When our students interview for health care-related jobs, they’ll be more impressive to employers because they already have both hands-on training and real work experience with this electronic technology.”

The EHRS program is part of a Job Corps partnership with the National Healthcareer Association. Best practices and other information gathered from the pilot will eventually shape the guidelines for an Electronic Health Record Specialist permanent certification career technical training program.

The program was made possible with funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Administered by the U.S. Department of Labor, Job Corps is the nation's largest career technical training and education program for students ages 16 through 24. Job Corps is a U.S. Department of Labor Equal Opportunity Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. TDD/TTY telephone number is (877) 889-5627.