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SAN JOSE EVERGREEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT WILL OFFER TRAINING FOR 500 SKILLED JOBS IN GREEN INDUSTRY, PUTTING MANY WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED BACK TO WORK

(SAN JOSE—JUNE 30, 2010) The San José•Evergreen Community College District (SJECCD) has been awarded a \$2,000,000 grant from the California Economic Development Department to provide new jobs and training for many professional workers, displaced workers, and former NUMMI employees. This grant represents one of only six that were awarded throughout California. The innovative action plan provided by the Workforce Institute, a division of SJECCD, will train for 500 skilled jobs in a wide range of positions within the Efficient Energy Home Building Performance market.

“California is already seeing green job growth, but we must continue working to accelerate this trend. These Challenge grants will encourage innovative green companies to train and hire Californians to further our state’s leadership in the green economy,” said Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

“We are proud of this partnership with the private industry, especially because it offers a unique approach for connecting community college programs and students with prospective employers,” said Acting Chancellor Doug Treadway.

The intent of the Green Innovation Challenge grant is to encourage industry leaders to find innovative methods designed to meet the needs of businesses to not only fill immediate employment needs, but also for the development of a partnership and infrastructure flexible enough to support employment growth for up to 10 years.

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The goal of the 24-month grant is to train new professional workers who are essential to the job creation process, up-skill incumbent workers, and train former NUMMI employees and suppliers, plus the region's pool of unemployed/displaced workers.

"Through the Workforce Institute's training programs and industry partnerships we are creating immediate and long-term employment opportunities within the home performance market while paving the way towards sustained efficient energy usage throughout Santa Clara County," said Executive Director Carol Coen.

The initiative will utilize a three-tiered training approach that will reduce barriers to the deployment of efficient energy practices and upcoming incentive programs. The following are degrees or industry credentials that will be offered:

- **Level 1—Outreach Specialists/Assessors** providing lead generation for retrofit contractors.
- **Level 2-Home Performance Certification & Building Information Management (BIM) for Efficient Energy** provided for contractors with experience in the construction field.
- **Level 3-Integration Demand Side Management (IDSMS) for Power Engineers** providing efficient energy analysis and management.

The training is scheduled to begin in Winter, 2010. This initiative is a partnership of SJECCD's Workforce Institute, PG&E, the California Building Performance Contractors Association, and the NUMMI Transition Center Network to identify and meet the short and long-term workforce needs of the Efficient Energy Home Building Performance market.

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