

Community Impact and Regional Equity

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ARRA Programs Addressed

- JOBS! JOBS! JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!
- Monitoring the use of stimulus funds, green ventures and other economic development initiatives to increase equity and improve quality of life across the state.
- “the people’s monitoring” with an emphasis on training and accessibility. Refine training procedures and monitor to establish baselines, track changes and document results.

Success Stories/Positive Outcomes

- Collaboration Highlight: Pittsburgh Green Innovators + Regional Equity Monitoring Project.
- REMP serves on Board and will be monitoring projects based on ARRA \$ received for project, duration, jobs created, jobs saved, how innovative, # of minorities and women contracts, labor participation and description of population served, benefit and impact on community.)
- The Pennsylvania State University , A bid-Atlantic Solar Resource & Training Center
- Other success stories that were shared as a result of REMP's request that they be shared for this conference.

Implementation Challenges/Problems

- Case Study: REMP sent out Right-To-Know Letters to the 43 School Districts in Allegheny County and 130 Municipalities to see what kind of MBWBDBE programs they had. 99% had none.
- What might the challenges and problems be in trying to leverage the Governor's Executive Order based on this reality?

Recommendations for State Action

- Passage of House Bill 2140 which is an outgrowth of Minority, Disadvantaged and Women Business hearings held throughout the state in 2009 and is the culmination of testimony given by disadvantaged, minority and women businesses.
- Replication of Pathways out of Poverty training Grants for green jobs. Especially sense we recently found out that Pittsburgh/Allegheny County/Western PA received no funding. Good to see that the Community College of Philadelphia received \$3,184,428 to assist unemployed workers, ex-offenders and veterans in addition to being part of many national grants worth millions of dollars. Lehigh Valley received 4million to assist at-risk youth, veterans and unemployed.
- Others:

Recommendations for Federal Action



What a discussion! REMP's Community Jobs Forum was held January 7 at the Kingsley Center in East Liberty, where ideas poured out from Pittsburgh residents and invited panelists. Our diverse group of participants ranged from activists and organizers, to those who are running traditional job training programs and programs for ex-offenders, to people in technology related professions, to educators and youth. We have prepared our submission to the White House, and will report on our conclusions in next week's eNewsletter. REMP would like to sincerely thank all of those who came out to make the event a success.

[Read the conclusions REMP submitted to the White House](#)

Where You Can Find More Information

Thank You!

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