Green Jobs Research

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Good News / Bad News

Good News We are certain that "green jobs" are the answer! Bad News:

We're not sure what the question is.

Depends on

- Who you ask
- When
- For what purpose

Green Coalition Politics makes strange bedfellows:



















Each has its own definition, agency and agenda

It was like déjà vu all over again.

Yogi Berra

Energy •Hubbert's Peak •Jevon's Paradox

Environment •Silent Spring – Rachel Carlson

Jobs

- Information Technology
- Biotechnology

Trade-offs

- •New York City Sanitation Dept
- We have met the enemy and he is us.

Pogo

All of the above

John McCain, 1st Presidential Debate Oxford MS

ISSUE OF GREEN

Means something different to everybody

- Broad themes
 - **Resource** Conservation
 - Environmental Degradation
 - Economic Growth
 - **Profits**
 - Jobs
- Confounding Factors
 - Stimulus Dollars
 - Marketing
 - Recruitment

Coalition Building

Policy Formulation

Appropriations

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Attempted Definitions

- •Industry (Universe?)
- •Firm
- •Establishment
 - Project
 - Product
 - Process
- Occupation
- •Job (DOT, role and context)

Detailed Work Activities

- •KSAs
- •Tools & Technology
- Frequency & Duration
- Criticality & Proficiency
- Crosswalks & Algorithms



- •Duties & Tasks
- Work Environment
- GWAs
- DWAs

Bigger Picture: the DWA Project

- •Funded by the Texas Workforce Commission
- Looking at all 900+ jobs in SOC
- •Reviewing and refining the work element descriptors
- •High resolution, granular data

USES OF THE DATA

Employer identified expected learning outcomes to drive

Skills Standards and Certification

Curriculum review, revision and development •Program, Module/Continuing Education, Coachware •Enrollment Management/RPK

More efficient labor exchange

Informed choice in career development

Research Methods

Web 4.0 Tools

Latent Semantic Analysis

- Tacit Knowledge
- Intelliflows
 Virtual Global Focus Group
 Delphi Technique
 Ongoing Community of Practice



SMEs

Legacy Occupations Incumbent workers First line Supervisors Hybrid and Emerging Occupations innovators

DWAs – the DNA of Work



DWA's promote common learning content and talent interoperability across occupations

Economic Cluster



Successful human capital growth builds on common connections.

Example: DWA 109 is shared by 4 of 5 occupations and 5 Jobs.



Findings at the DWA Level

Greenness is inherent in the tools and technology used

- -Reduced carbon footprint (and other toxins)
- -Other resource conservation
- -Increased energy production from sustainable, less toxic resources

Criticality of the DWA to overall work assigned
Complexity and proficiency levels
Frequency in the relative mix of duties and tasks
Duration

Location (labor shed, commute shed)
Macro (talent pool)
Micro (succession)

- Gap analysis
- Measured and scalable response •Recruitment
 - Training
 - Policy levers

Adding Green Concepts



Greenness Configuration Model



Bandwagon *du jour*

Nanotech Hydrogen Economy Succession Planning





Who will be hired and when? Career Ladders and Lattices



Andrew Sum: The Dual Labor Force

Bubble Chart #2 Weighing education & training options



Measured & Scalable Response

- More effective use of scarce training dollars
- Ramp up or down with market forces
- Transferability of skills approach to reemployment
- Collaboration
 - Smart grid (DoE, CenterPointe, UH Energy Research Park)
 - Healthcare IT
 - Conventional office jobs
 - NASA
 - FAA

In the operational phase of a green initiative, what does workforce need to consider?

- Direct job creation
 Gross v. net
 Will they be filled with locals? With At-Risk?
 When & how long?
 Labor availability > UI claimants
- Ripple effects (I/O modeling of indirect and induced)
- Wages and benefits
 Davis Bacon (VP Biden's Middle Class Task Force)
 Replacement wage for dislocated and trade affected workers
- "Greenness"??
 List/not listed
 "Brushed by" green
 Overlooked

Energy/Resource Conservation Renewable Energy Production Toxic Emission Reduction

Training? Just-in-Time Layering ROI



Beyond Recovery

- Performance + ROI = Credibility & Support
 - Reauthorization of WIA
 - Higher appropriations for human capital investment
 - Sustainable economic growth
- Scalable & responsive education & training
- Employment resilience
- Boomer replacements
- Resources and Environment

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