

12. GREEN JOBS ALLIANCE

Attached for your reference please find copied correspondence from the Green Jobs Alliance (GJA), a national nonprofit organization formed by renewable energy industries and labor organizations, who have partnered to provide education, green jobs training, job placement, and career development for unemployed citizens, military veterans, at-risk youth, and formerly incarcerated, adjudicated, non-violent offenders, among others.

They have been designated a State Energy Training Partner by the Commonwealth of Virginia and are helping to coordinate the efforts of the state's community colleges, workforce investment boards and others to develop a "green-collar" workforce. To that end, GJA is preparing to respond to the U.S. Department of Labor's recent notice of availability of funds and solicitation for Energy Training Partnership Grants.

Accordingly, GJA has contacted each locality in the Hampton Roads region asking two things of them:

- 1) Adoption of a resolution endorsing their efforts and supporting their application for federal grants; and
- 2) Contribution of \$0.10 per capita to cover expenses associated with preparation and submission of the federal grant application (including legal expenses to establish themselves as a 501c3 organization. For us, the per capita contribution would equate to \$1,926.20.

At this writing, I'm seeking to confirm the status of their request in other Hampton Roads communities and hope to have that information available at Monday's meeting. I'm also trying to arrange a representative of GJA to attend your meeting in order to answer any questions that you may have.

MOTION REQUIRED: If the Board is so inclined, a motion is required to adopt the attached resolution and approve a one-time contribution of \$1926.20 for the Green Jobs Alliance.