

WETF Training Projects Approved 1st Quarter FY 2010
July 1, 2009 – September 30, 2009

VT Nondestructive Testing of South Burlington was awarded \$24,900 to train 5 current workers and one new hire in weld inspection techniques for bridges, commercial structures and high purity analytical testing, ending in nationally recognized certification. Current workers who are not certified, and currently earn \$14-\$16/hour will assume vacant positions that will pay \$16-\$20/hour plus benefits worth approximately \$4.50/hour.

Davis & Hodgdon Associates CPAs of Williston was awarded \$3,994 to send one current employee to specialized training in “Successful Selling”, offered by Sterling Management Systems. Upon successful completion and application of the training, together with meeting the Firm’s expectations for their current position, the participating employee will receive a 2-4% increase in compensation.

Auto Craftsmen LTD. of Montpelier was awarded \$4,725 to coordinate delivery of an eight hour training course in maintenance and repair of hybrid vehicles. Trainees will include up to twenty master technicians employed by independent auto repair shops in greater central Vermont. Training will be delivered on site at Auto Craftsmen, by Craig Van Batenburg, a leading expert in hybrid technology and founder of the Automotive Career Development Center in Worcester, MA. Training is intended to improve job security by expanding the services provided by independent shops to include the growing market of hybrid automobiles.

Associated General Contractors of Vermont was awarded \$50,000 AGC/VT to purchase licensure from Green Advantage, a preeminent certifier of building organizations and practitioners nationally, and provide certified “Green training” that will elevate the standards of both commercial and residential practitioners in regard to energy efficiency and sustainable design. Green Advantage will deliver one “train the trainer” session to train instructors who will subsequently deliver nine sessions statewide, to a total of at least 200 trainees.

Vermont Technical College, in collaboration with the Central Vermont Human Resources (CVHR) group, was awarded \$7,632 to deliver human resources and leadership training for incumbent workers employed by members of the CVHR, and other local businesses. Potential employer participants include Suss MicroTech, Washington County Mental Health, Vermont Mutual, Vermont State Employees Credit Union, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Vermont League of Cities and Towns, Vermont State Colleges, National Life, Rock of Ages, Times Argus, Vermont State Housing Authority and Central Vermont Community Action Council. Training will be offered to incumbent workers at two levels, introductory and advanced, with a goal of improving retention, enhancing recruitment and succession planning. Ten to fifteen trainees will complete the introductory class and twenty to twenty-five will complete the advanced class.

Data Systems Inc. of Burlington was awarded \$1,500 to train 2 current employees in the latest version of ProIV developer (VIP), a 4th generation programming language used to develop software for customers in manufacturing and distribution. The webinar training sessions will enhance programmers’ ability to create affordable customized accounting software for growing businesses. Training in the latest version of ProIV will result in increased efficiency and higher profits for our worker owned company, and will directly impact employee earnings.

Marlboro College was awarded \$10,000 to expand a program previously funded by the WETF. Over the next twelve months Marlboro College will offer four additional sessions of the Nonprofit Management Certificate Program. In the fall of 2009, one session will be offered in Burlington, and another for the first time in Manchester. In the spring of 2010, two additional sessions will be offered, one in northern Vermont and one in southern Vermont. More than 80 Vermonters will earn certificates in non-profit management over the course of the four sessions.

Total awarded: \$ 102,751

Projected number of individuals to be trained: new jobs 1
incumbent workers 338-348
Total 339-349