

WETF Training Projects Approved 4th Quarter FY 2009
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VEMAS Corporation of Poultney was awarded **\$13,542** to train eighteen members of its sixty person team in the preparation and completion of ISO 9001-2008 certification. Achieving ISO certification will strengthen job security for the entire VEMAS workforce, by creating sales opportunities and expanding domestic and international market potential for VEMAS Corporation.

Vermont Foodbank, in partnership with Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf, was awarded **\$7,000** to supplement a grant awarded earlier this year. The additional funds will offset the cost of soft skills training to be delivered by Vermont Adult Learning during the third session of the fourteen week community kitchen program. In the first and second sessions, this component, which has proven crucial to student retention and success, was funded by the Department for Children and Families, but that funding is no longer available.

Competitive Computing (C2) of Colchester was awarded **\$7,500** to train 8-10 current employees on software solution development. C2 software developers will be trained in a new emerging technology platform that will increase their flexibility in working across multiple client projects. This will enable C2 to maintain and expand their workforce through new business and expanded services for existing clients.

Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute (PHI) of Winooski was awarded **\$87,937** to train a minimum of 65 direct care givers in skills that will enable them to move to higher positions with participating direct care providers, including VNA of Chittenden Grand Isle Counties, Franklin County Home Health Association, Armistead Caregiver Services and Home Instead Caregiver Services. Training will cover a wide range of skills and will be delivered through a partnership among VNA, Franklin County Home Health, Vermont Adult Learning, Northwest Technical Center and Community College of Vermont.

Black Diamond Tree Service of Bennington was awarded **\$52,074** to train five incumbent workers for higher level positions, and two new workers for full time entry level positions. Four of the incumbent workers will be trained for certification as arborists and professional climbers; one will be trained for promotion to the position of crew leader/supervisor. One new worker will be trained as a certified tree climber, and office staff will be trained in sales, customer service and software skills specific to the tree service industry.

Total awarded: \$ 168,053

Projected number of individuals to be trained: 12 for new jobs
98 incumbent workers
Total 110