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Green work force training grants in Phila.

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If you didn't get a slice of the city's [federal stimulus funds to provide work force training this summer](#), you now have a second crack at it.

The [Philadelphia Workforce Investment Board](#) is seeking request for proposals for skills training in emerging occupations in the "green" economy outside of weatherization

Mayor Michael Nutter and PWIB will make the announcement this Monday at Maxwell Education Group, which was awarded \$150,000 in the first round for a solar panel installation training program. The initial class of 25 will wrap up the classroom portion of the program Monday and although the program is still under way, many students have already lined up jobs, the Mayor's Office reported.

Green jobs training is also a focus outside of the city, where on Monday funding for a new Green Jobs Academy in Bucks County will be announced. U.S. Rep. Patrick Murphy, D-Bucks, has secured nearly \$800,000 for the Academy, which is the result of a public-private partnership. Bucks County Community College, Bucks County Technical High School, Drexel University and Delaware Valley College are the major academic partners for the Academy, which will provide training for students to fill new green jobs coming to Bucks County. The center will be located at the Bridge Business Center in Bristol Township, [which was able to use federal stimulus funds to go greener itself](#).

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