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Building Gateways to the Green Economy Summit Addresses a New Role of Community Colleges

The dramatic growth of the new “green economy” is fueling an explosive need for “green collar” workers. It’s estimated that by 2030, 40 million Americans could be employed in the renewable energy and energy efficiency industries alone. Where will trained workers come from? The Green California Community College Summit, October 8-9, 2008 at the Pasadena Convention Center, will showcase how California’s community colleges are taking on the challenge of training this new workforce.

Green technologies, from solar panels and energy-saving equipment to new building materials, are developing and changing at warp speed, and California’s 109 community colleges and 2,600,000 students, are embracing them. Community college campuses, many undergoing massive green building projects and programs, are becoming “living laboratories” where students can work hands-on with the newest technologies.

The Green California Community College Summit, themed “Gateways to the Green Economy,” was created to assist these efforts and to bring together experts from all the disciplines that they require, from finance and facilities planning to curriculum. Featured speakers include Rosario Marin, Secretary, California State and Consumer Services; Timothy Simon, Commissioner, California Public Utilities Commission and Rocky Young, Chancellor Emeritus, Los Angeles Community College District.

Developed under the guidance of an advisory board of community college and green workforce experts, the summit will offer two days of general sessions, keynotes and more than thirty workshops and breakout sessions addressing the full range of green workforce, green building, operations, and green purchasing issues. Topics in the educational program include: Building Design and Construction, The Business Case for Going Green, Educating the New Green Workforce, The Sustainable Campus – A Model for the Community, and Meeting Current and Evolving Workforce Needs for the Green Economy.

Attendees will have an opportunity to network with experts, including those directing the Los Angeles Community College District's landmark effort by of program to take all nine of its campuses off the grid, and many others. In association with the Summit, the LACCD will also sponsor a Career Fair on October 8 at the convention center.

For information go to www.green-technology.org/ccsummit, or call Eric Rennie at 626-577-5700.

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Summit to Showcase Community Colleges and the New Green Workforce

The dramatic growth of the new "green economy" is fueling an explosive need for "green collar" workers. California's community colleges have taken up the challenge. Attend the Green California Community College Summit: Pathways to the Green Economy, October 8-9, 2008 at the Pasadena Convention Center and discover how community colleges are becoming "living laboratories" of green building, sustainable operations and maintenance and other new green technologies. Don't be left out! For community college facilities staff, instructors, students, sustainable industry professionals – anyone interested in working in and advancing the green economy. In association with the Summit, the Los Angeles Community College District will sponsor a Career Fair on October 8 at the convention center.

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Building Gateways to the Green Economy

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Building and Running Green Community Colleges

Demands for energy efficiency, green operations and maintenance are changing the way community colleges are built and run. California's 109 community colleges are becoming "living laboratories" of green building, renewable energy and cutting edge technology. Don't get left behind! Register now for the Green California Community College Summit, October 8-9, 2008 at the Pasadena Convention Center and find out what community colleges are doing throughout California. For information go to www.green-technology.org/ccsummit, or call Eric Rennie at 626-577-5700.

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