



Principles for a High Road Recovery

The federal stimulus dollars now becoming available are certainly stimulating a lot of conversation and effort. Governments, organizations, and individuals are trying to figure out the rules of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and how it can truly benefit workers and our country.

Two COWS partner groups have put forward core "high road" principles to guide stimulus spending. Their policy principles aim to ensure that stimulus dollars benefit those most in need, through projects that move our country toward long-range goals of sustainability, accountability, and quality jobs that rebuild the middle class.

- [The Working Poor Families Principles for State Implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act](#)
- [The Apollo Alliance's Principles for Success in the Clean Energy & Green Collar Economy](#)

Here are some useful websites for understanding and implementing stimulus projects.

- COWS partner, The Progressive States Network, provides this resource list:
<http://stimulus.wiki.zoho.com/HomePage.html>
- The federal website on ARRA funding and provisions:
<http://www.recovery.gov/>
- The State of Wisconsin's ARRA website link, searchable for sources of funding:
<http://www.recovery.wi.gov/programs.asp?locid=164>
- From the Council on State Governments:
<http://www.staterecovery.org/federal-assistance>
- The National Association of State Procurement Officials has general resources as well as state-specific information:
<http://www.naspo.org/content.cfm/id/stimulus>
- From the National Council on Nonprofits:
<http://www.councilofnonprofits.org/stimulus>

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Greening Wisconsin's Workforce: Training, Recovery, and the Clean Energy Economy

How can Wisconsin best pursue the greener and more equitable promise of the clean energy economy? A new report from COWS looks at how the state can use Recovery Act dollars and a first-rate technical college system to ensure that the emerging green economy benefits Wisconsin's working families.

Click [here](#) to read more, including:

- What is a green job?
- Greening Wisconsin's manufacturing base
- Funding a green recovery
- Green training at Wisconsin's technical colleges
- Recommendations for green workforce development
- Occupations in selected clean energy sectors

Drawing on findings from COWS' national report, *Greener Pathways: Jobs and Workforce Development in the Clean Energy Economy*, the new release makes recommendations for coordinated technical training in Wisconsin's emerging green economy. Download the report now at: www.cows.org/pdf/rp-greeningwisconsin.pdf

Also, for a good overview of ARRA's green investments at the national level, with an eye to both training and equity, is *Bringing Home the Green Recovery* by our allies and partners at Green For All and Policy Link.

Additional reports from COWS examining the role of apprenticeship, apprenticeship prep, and community-based training programs will be released later this year.



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