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ST. LOUIS AGENCY ON TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT  
**SLATE**  
MISSOURI CAREER CENTER

**Subject:** ST. LOUIS AGENCY ON TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT (SLATE) TO PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING FOR GREEN ECONOMY

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ST. LOUIS AGENCY ON TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT (SLATE) announces a new training program that will help to align the local workforce with the needs of the growing green economy. The program is made possible by a U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) grant received by the United Auto Workers – Labor Employment and Training Corporation (UAW-LETC) with support from the United Auto Workers Region 5, and due to a partnership between UAW-LETC, the State of Missouri, St. Louis County, St. Charles County and St. Louis Community College.

This program is a result of President Obama’s initiative to transition our country to sustainable energy, clean environment, and to lessen our dependence on foreign oil. Furthermore, a recent Regional Chamber and Growth Association (RCGA) report identified Energy Solutions as one of Missouri’s high-growth industries, with 700 businesses and 9,000 workers currently and employment growing at a rate of 54% (from 1995-2008) as opposed to 4% for the overall economy\*. The state of Missouri has pledged to attract, develop and retain a workforce with the education and skills needed to succeed in a 21st-century economy. "Missouri must strategically review where we are investing our resources to create the jobs of tomorrow," Gov. Nixon said. Training will be offered at no cost to eligible job seekers. They will be able to receive a Certification in the following occupations:

- Energy Technician
- Environmental Technician
- Green Manufacturing Process Technician
- Hybrid Electric Vehicle Technician

Classes will take place Monday through Thursday/Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 5 p.m. For a complete class schedule and location listing please visit our website, [www.stlworks.com](http://www.stlworks.com).

## **Who is eligible?**

All adults age 18 or over are eligible. Candidates need a certain minimum level of academic achievement in order to qualify. To see all course requirements, visit [www.stlworks.com](http://www.stlworks.com). All candidates are required to enroll in the Missouri Career Center system and take a WIN assessment.

\* The numbers reflect Core Green Economy. Core Green Economy and Adaptive Green Economy are two large segments of the St. Louis green economy. The Core Green Economy businesses are those whose core functions are to conserve natural and energy resources, provide clean energy alternatives and reduce pollution and re-purpose waste. The Adaptive Green Economy describes businesses that are incorporating sustainability practices into their standard business operations and supply chains.

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The ST. LOUIS AGENCY ON TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT (SLATE) is the City of St. Louis government agency that offers job seekers and businesses a variety of no-cost services related to employment, job training, and career advancement. For more information, visit SLATE online at [www.stlworks.com](http://www.stlworks.com).