



St. Paul Area Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee



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I am writing today in support of the grant proposal from the MN Dept. of Labor and Industry regarding funding for clean economy occupations.

As the training director for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers local 110 in St Paul, I believe our members and our customers would greatly benefit from additional funding specifically applied towards updating existing training facilities, purchasing resource materials and equipment, and instructor professional development. In particular:

- Designing and refining of clean economy technologies curriculum that enhances skills relevant to today's needs. Solar, wind, battery storage systems, ASHRAE compliance, etc.
- Provide and install Electric Vehicle Charging Stations at the JATC to be used as part of our existing Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP).
- Upgrades to our wind turbine and solar array equipment by adding monitoring software for training purposes.
- Expansion of our existing Building Automation curriculum.
- Provide hands-on and classroom instruction with emphasis on safe practices when working on power-generating equipment.
- Continuing to help our community by providing an access to a career with great benefits and livable wages through a registered apprenticeship program with an eye on the future.

We look forward to working with the MN Department of Labor and Industry to ensure that Minnesota continues to stay at the forefront of the clean economy initiative by preparing our workforce for future labor opportunities and skill requirements. Please contact me with any questions and thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Timothy J. Garcia – Training Director

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