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Project SANDI Grantees Enroll in Electrical Apprenticeships Leading to High-demand, High-wage, 21st Century Careers



(Electrical students practicing circuitry and wiring)

Las Vegas/Carson City, Nev. – The Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Center of Southern Nevada (Electrical JATC), is working in partnership with the Governor's Office of Workforce Innovation (GOWINN) and Project SANDI initiative to provide Nevadans looking to advance their workforce skills within the energy efficiency fields with grant-funded, hands-on experience and training.

Through this collaboration, Electrical JATC has enrolled over 50 low-wage, under-employed individuals who are studying various energy efficiency fields. These include Photovoltaics and two cutting-edge programs: Energy Storage and Micro-Grid Training and Certification Program (ESAMTAC) and Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training (EVITP). "Both of these certification courses are vital to ensuring that Nevada has the workforce ready to build the infrastructure needed to drive Nevada's clean energy economy and achieve Nevada's clean energy goals. We know that workers who have been trained by the NNEJATC have a commitment to providing quality work in the safest manner possible," said Ryan Bellows, NV Energy Vice President of Government & External Relations and State Apprenticeship Council Member.

"Partnering with GOWINN and Project SANDI has allowed more Nevadans the opportunity to learn the many fields in the electrical trade. SANDI participants will eventually achieve the highest nationally recognized credential as a journeyman." said Madison Burnett, Training Director of the Electrical Joint Apprenticeship Training Center. "It is imperative we continue to pass on these vital skills to the next generation to ensure Nevada has the expert workforce to handle the large infrastructure projects that are so vital to our state's economic success."

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The ESAMTAC program trains workers to install microgrid battery storage in residential and commercial buildings to store energy that can be converted to electricity. These microgrid batteries generate energy and take consumers off the grid leading to cost savings and energy efficiency. ESAMTAC apprentices earn \$51+ per hour plus an array of employment benefits upon graduation from their apprenticeship.

EVITP apprentices learn how to build and maintain electric charging stations for the growing number of electric vehicles. Upon completion of the training and graduation, apprentices earn the same \$51+ per hour and benefits package.

“We’re extremely proud of our Project SANDI recipients participating in the Electrical JATC program and excited to hear of their success in beginning full-time roles this fall with National Electrical Contract Association employers as part of their continued hands-on training,” said Kristen Dwyer, Grants and Programs Manager for the Governor’s Office of Workforce Innovation.

SANDI funding for electrical apprenticeship training is not limited to Southern Nevada residents; GOWINN and SANDI have partnered with the Northern Nevada Electrical Joint Apprentice Training Committee to provide opportunities for those looking to expand their knowledge in electrical work across the Northern Nevada region, as well.

Project SANDI helps Nevada residents who have lost their jobs, are underemployed or are seeking their first jobs by offering short-term training resulting in industry-recognized, STEM credentials.

According to employers in Nevada, experts in the energy efficiency fields are urgently needed and virtually every trainee is offered a full-time job when hired.

To learn more about programs being funded through Project SANDI or to find out if you are eligible for SANDI funding, visit nevadajobconnect.com/Superhero.

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About Project “SANDI”

Nevada is 1 of 8 States to be awarded the Supporting and Advancing Nevada’s Dislocated Individuals (SANDI) project from the U.S. Department of Education. This investment toward expanding short-term education and training opportunities increases Nevadan’s access to career pathways in Nevada’s priority sectors including healthcare, advanced manufacturing, logistics, information technology (IT) and skilled trades to meet the needs of students, employers, and their local community. Project SANDI has supported more than 500 Nevadans from across the State in partnership with Great Basin College, College of Southern Nevada, Truckee Meadows Community College, Western Nevada College and other training providers.

About Governor’s Office of Workforce Innovation

GOWINN helps drive a skilled, diverse, and aligned workforce in the State of Nevada by promoting cooperation and collaboration among all entities focused on workforce development. Its chief objectives are to prepare all K-12 students for college and career success, increase the number of Nevadans with postsecondary credentials and increase labor force participation.

GRANT FUNDING DISCLOSURES

The Stevens Amendment is a federal regulation that requires U.S. Departments of Labor (DOL), Health and Human Services (HHS), and Education grant recipients to reveal the percent of the costs financed with federal funds, the federal dollar amount, and the percentage and dollar amount financed by nongovernmental funds. The regulation was created with the intent to inform taxpayers of how much money comes from Federal sources in any program, project, or grant activity.

For Supporting and Advancing Nevada's Dislocated Individuals (SANDI), the Project SANDI grant totaling \$13,818,298.92, awarded by the U.S. Department Education pays for all program costs.