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**Green Jobs Training Initiative Grant Brings \$550,000 to SF Works**

**San Francisco, CA** - SF Works, housed in the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, received a \$550,000 green jobs training initiative grant from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. This grant is received in partnership with the City of San Francisco's CityBuild Academy. The grant will allow CityBuild to expand its already successful construction training program to include training in energy efficiency, weatherization, solar, biodiesel and brownfield remediation training. SF Works will engage employers to determine the demand for these jobs and identify specific job opportunities for program graduates, as well as provide employer input to the training program.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors selected six cities nationally to receive these awards funded by the Wal-Mart Foundation for the purpose of supporting and expanding training programs for green jobs. Also awarded were Chicago (IL), Long Beach (CA), Milwaukee (WI), St. Louis (MO), and Providence (RI).

"SF Works is excited to receive this award and to work with CityBuild to identify and train San Franciscans for the quality jobs being created by the growing green sector and by federal investment in energy efficiency and weatherization," said Carrie Portis, SF Works' executive director. She added, "Our interest is to enable people to secure quality jobs with career opportunity in partnership with the employer community. This award gives us the capacity to realize the promise of creating green jobs locally, working together with labor, business and civic interests.

Steve Falk, San Francisco Chamber of Commerce president & CEO said, "The Chamber is proud to host this initiative and work with business and the City to create jobs. San Francisco is already a leader in green business and we are well positioned to strengthen our position in this growth sector."

**About SF Works**

SF Works builds the careers and self-sufficiency of entry-tier and low-income workers, aligning business, civic and community motives to create new workforce policies and practices. Our programs respond to both employers' demands for return on investment, and to employees' aspirations for self-sufficiency and advancement. For more information on SF Works, visit [www.sfworks.org](http://www.sfworks.org).

Attachments: Press Release from U.S. Council of Mayors

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