



## **RichmondBUILD**

### **Pre-Apprenticeship Construction Skills & Solar Installation Training Program**

The RichmondBUILD Pre-apprenticeship Construction Skills & Solar Installation Training program was developed to create employment and career opportunities for Richmond residents and also to implement a strategy for reducing violence in our community. RichmondBUILD was established in May 2007 and has quickly become a model of effective and broad public/private partnership that focuses on developing talent and skills in the high growth and high wage construction and renewable energy fields.

The twelve (12) week intensive training program includes:

- Safety training/CPR
- Power tools
- Framing
- Sheet rock
- Basic electrical
- Roofing
- Scaffolding
- Basic plumbing
- Basic welding
- **Energy Efficiency**
- **Solar Thermal**
- **Solar installation**

RichmondBUILD has achieved a **90% job placement rate at an average starting wage of \$18.33 an hour for program graduates**. A total of thirty-eight (**38**) graduates have obtained employment in the Green-Collar industry.

#### **Awards:**

- ❖ 2008 FBI Director's Community Leadership award
- ❖ 2009 Harvard Innovations in American Government (selected as a semi-finalist & in consideration for a finalist award)

#### **Press & Media Coverage:**

- The Green Collar Economy - Van Jones
- National Public Radio
- American Prospect Magazine (May 2008)
- Green-Collar Jobs in America's Cities- Apollo Alliance & Green For All
- KTVU Channel 2
- MTV
- West County Times
- Richmond Globe

RichmondBUILD's robust partnership includes a number of public and private partners with each partner making a significant investment towards preparing the next generation of construction workers and Green-collar workers entering high growth and high wage industries.

### RichmondBUILD Partnership

