

City launches Green Jobs Corps

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The long-awaited Oakland Green Jobs Corps, the employment

In attendance were Oakland Mayor Ron Dellums, Oakland Green Jobs Corps trainees and members of the training partner-

delia Training Center Inc. and Growth Sector Inc. Together, they will provide job training, environmental education and



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Mayor Ron Dellums and city and state officials present the Oakland Green Jobs Corps a check for \$250,000.

pipeline providing “green-collar” skills training and jobs to young adults with barriers to employment, was publicly unveiled on Monday during a press conference at the Cypress Mandela Training Center.

ship, who received a \$250,000 grant from the city.

The historic Oakland Green Jobs Corps partnership has been awarded to three agencies: Laney College, Cypress Man-

connections to green jobs to at least 40 low-income Oakland residents. Students will learn green construction skills, solar installation, energy efficiency

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techniques and more during its inaugural session.

“Providing quality jobs in a growing economic sector is crucial for the future of Oakland,” said Dellums. “Expanding existing entry points into our workforce through the creation of green jobs will solidify this city’s position as a national leader on green economic growth and advance our vision of Oakland as a model, sustainable city.”

Instruction will take place at the Cypress Mandela Training Center, a nationally renowned pre-apprenticeship program that has decades of experience training and educating young adults with barriers to employment.

Participating businesses that will provide employment opportunities to the trainees include Solar City, Sunlight & Power, Swinerton, Canyon Construction, REC Solar, Weather Tight, Sungevity and Dan Antonioli Construction. ©