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GOWINN Helps Address In-Demand Need for Electricians Through Statewide Grant Initiative

Funding still available for prospective electrical apprentices

Carson City, Nev. – The Northern Nevada Electrical Joint Apprentice Training Committee (NNEJATC) 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 electrical field with grant-funded, hands-on experience and training.

The goals of both NNEJATC and GOWINN are to provide a highly skilled workforce to the electrical contractors of Northern Nevada with training that moves students beyond the textbook, incorporating advanced technology in all aspects of training. So far 38 SANDI recipients have enrolled in an NNEJATC program this year.

"We're thrilled to partner with GOWINN and its Project SANDI initiative to help Nevadans get real-world, hands-on training to become certified electrical apprentices," said Alan Darney, Training Director of Northern Nevada Electrical Joint Apprentice Training Committee. "We want to ensure these trade skills continue to get passed on to the next generation of Nevadans and we are grateful to provide these experiences with the GOWINN team to those who are interested and keen on learning."

Certification courses available through NNEJATC 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.

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 help take consumers off the grid leading to cost savings and energy efficiency. ESAMTAC apprentices earn \$47.50 per hour plus an array of employment benefits when they graduate from their training.

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 \$47.50 per hour and benefits package.

“We have seen the critical role apprenticeships play when it comes to passing on trade skills,” said Kristen Dwyer, Grants and Programs Manager for the Governor’s Office of Workforce Innovation. “Here at SANDI, we are proud to support organizations such as the Northern Nevada Electrical Joint Apprentice Training Committee to ensure we are setting the next generation of Nevadans up for success through these hands-on cohorts.”

SANDI funding for electrical apprenticeship training is not limited to just Northern Nevada residents. GOWINN has partnered with the Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Center of Southern Nevada to provide opportunities for those looking to expand their knowledge in electrical work across the Southern Nevada region through SANDI, 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.