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DIRECTIVE:	JOB CORPS PROGRAM INSTRUCTION NO. 09-30
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TO: ALL JOB CORPS NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF  
ALL JOB CORPS REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF  
ALL JOB CORPS CENTER DIRECTORS  
ALL JOB CORPS CENTER OPERATORS  
ALL NATIONAL TRAINING AND SUPPORT CONTRACTORS  
ALL OUTREACH, ADMISSIONS, AND CTS CONTRACTORS

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SUBJECT: ARRA Funding for Career Technical Training Equipment

1. Purpose. To inform the Job Corps community of the availability and distribution of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds for the replacement and purchase of career technical training equipment.
2. Background. In support of Job Corps' green-collar training initiative, the National Office of Job Corps is providing funds for selected centers to replace outdated training equipment and acquire new equipment to meet industry standards, improve energy efficiency, and promote safety in the following training areas.
  - a. *Automotive* – Purchase of a newer-model, fuel-efficient vehicle to be used specifically as a training tool for the basic automotive programs. These vehicles will allow students to train on fuel-efficient vehicles that represent most of the vehicles they will encounter on the job. They will also help meet the requirements for centers to maintain National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence/National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (ASE/NATEF) program certification. A total of \$288,000 will be made available to fund the purchase of training vehicles for 24 centers.

- b. *Welding* – Purchase of new energy-efficient welding training equipment to replace existing equipment 10 years old or older. The National Office evaluated the inventory of welding equipment at each of the centers offering this program and determined that significant savings can result from replacing old equipment with the newer, energy-efficient models. As businesses similarly replace their older equipment with these energy-efficient models, students will have the opportunity to practice their skills on machines that they will be using on the job. A total of \$1,454,700 will be made available to replace welding equipment purchased prior to 2001.

In addition, selected centers will receive funds for the purchase of a virtual welding machine. The virtual welding machines are state-of-the-art simulators that allow students to practice hands-on skills without expending as much energy or actual materials. This allows adequate practice and repetition prior to actual welding, resulting in less waste and better instructional efficiency. A total of \$465,000 will fund 10 simulators at selected centers.

- c. *Heavy Equipment Operations* – Purchase of heavy equipment simulators for center-operated programs to provide an energy-efficient and safe training method. The simulator will alleviate wear and tear on machines and serve as an effective tool for instructors to assess student competency and identify areas for further skill development. A total of \$46,000 will be provided to fund heavy equipment simulators for two centers.
- d. *Driver's Education* – Purchase of virtual driving simulators for selected centers to increase opportunities for students to practice behind-the-wheel skills. The behind-the-wheel requirement for driver's licensing has historically presented challenges to centers in providing students with enough hours for practice prior to their actual road test. Job Corps has always recognized that a driver's license, in addition to being a requirement for a number of training programs such as auto, truck driving, and heavy equipment operations, is critical in many occupations, especially construction. The driving simulators will not only support students' success in passing the driving test but also provide opportunities for students to learn and practice driving under hazardous conditions within a safe environment. The simulators support Job Corps' commitment to environmentally conscious practices; they will save vehicle wear and tear, reduce gasoline consumption, and lower vehicular emissions. A total of \$1,184, 803 will be provided to fund driving simulators for 61 centers with high numbers of students enrolled in these programs.

### 3. Action.

- a. Funds will be released to the regions by December 30, 2009. Centers are encouraged to expedite purchase of equipment upon receipt of funds and to follow ARRA purchasing guidelines. The attachment to this Program Instruction outlines equipment and centers designated to receive funding.

- b. Addressees are to ensure that this Program Instruction is distributed to all appropriate staff.
- 4. Expiration Date. Until superseded.
- 5. Inquiries. Inquiries should be directed to Tracy Bradshaw-Morris at (202) 693-8000 or [bradshaw-morris.t@dol.gov](mailto:bradshaw-morris.t@dol.gov).

Attachment

ARRA Funding and Equipment List for Designated Centers