

April 23, 2010

DIRECTIVE:	JOB CORPS PROGRAM INSTRUCTION NOTICE NO. 09-44
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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

FROM: EDNA PRIMROSE
National Director
Office of Job Corps

SUBJECT: Clarification Regarding Job Corps' Program Instruction Notice 09-11 on
"National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER)
Accreditation/Certification for Center-Operated Construction Training
Programs"

1. Purpose. To reiterate that Job Corps' Instruction Notice 09-11, "National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) Accreditation/Certification for Center-Operated Construction Training Programs," issued on August 23, 2009, applies to center-operated Construction Career Technical Training (CTT) programs only. The Instruction Notice does not apply to National Training Contractor (NTC) programs, including NTC green training programs.

2. Background. Job Corps is committed to ensure the success of students completing both center-operated and NTC-operated construction programs. Both tracks offer students high quality, industry-based training that leads to solid placement opportunities. However, the Office of Job Corps (OJC) recognizes that NTC- and center-operated programs operate separately and distinctly, in alignment with their respective industry standards. These entities also use distinct curricula.

The NTCs have aligned their Training Achievement Records (TARs) at the pre-apprentice level with the latest apprenticeship training standards from their national and international parent organizations. Additionally, all of the NTCs have upgraded their TARs to incorporate relevant green training skills and practices recognized and used by employers and labor unions. Therefore, the OJC excludes the NTCs from requirements related to NCCER and the use of NCCER curricula.

3. Action. Center operators will ensure that center-operated and NTC-operated construction programs function separately and distinctly as designed. Center operators will not require NTC programs to use NCCER curricula. Further, students enrolled in NTC programs will not participate in NCCER-sponsored training, to include foundations and green training courses.

Addressees are to ensure this Program Instruction Notice is distributed to all appropriate staff.

4. Expiration Date. Until superseded.

5. Inquiries. Inquires should be directed to Tracy Bradshaw-Morris at (202) 693-8000 or bradshaw-morris.t@dol.gov