



Dear Esteemed Colleague:

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy, I invite you to join a select group of leaders for a one-day Roundtable on:

Strategies for Including People with Disabilities In the Green Jobs Talent Pipeline

The event will be held on December 16, 2009, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel at 1000 H Street, N.W., in Washington, D.C., from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The purpose of the Roundtable is to identify and understand how the Federal Government, States, and local organizations can ensure that people with disabilities are included in the current planning and execution of initiatives tied to the emerging Green Jobs economy. This vital exchange of facts and information will be used to generate innovative ideas to assist employers in including people with disabilities in their green initiatives.

Broad economic and energy trends, federal investments through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA), and State and local energy policies are all expected to lead to the creation of new Green Jobs. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis has set a goal of "Good Jobs for Everyone" and that includes people with disabilities as potential workers and business owners in the green economy. With your input, we have a unique opportunity to identify practical strategies to promote and ensure the inclusion of people with disabilities in this emerging area.

By bringing together a select group of individuals with expertise in Green Jobs, sector strategies, career pathways, workforce development, and disability employment, I believe that we can ensure that people with disabilities are included as a valuable resource in these new employment initiatives.

Strategies for Including People with Disabilities In the Green Jobs Talent Pipeline is being organized by the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy in partnership with the NTAR Leadership Center and the John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers University. I hope you will accept my invitation and join me as we work together to create good jobs for all in the emerging green economy. I look forward to seeing you in Washington D.C. on December 16, 2009.

Registration details are available at: <http://guest.cvent.com/i.aspx?5S%2cM3%2c05f55e59-f803-42a4-820b-98d10cf55ece>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kathleen Martinez".

Kathleen Martinez
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Office of Disability Employment Policy