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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS AWARDED \$1.9 MILLION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR GRANT**

Selden, NY –Suffolk County Community College has been selected to receive its third job training grant from the U.S. Department of Labor in the amount of \$1.9 million. With this funding, the College will provide short-term career and job skills training in renewable energy technology and energy efficiency for 250 unemployed and displaced workers, incumbent workers, and returning soldiers on Long Island over a three-year period. Entitled POWER (“Pathways to Opportunities Within Energy and Renewables”), this Community Based Job Training Grant (CBJTG) will enable participants to receive industry certification as an Energy Rater, Solar/Photovoltaic Installer, or LEED Green Associate. The initiative will include career planning for all participants, and emerging workers will have the opportunity to earn their GED and/or the National Work Readiness Credential.

The grant includes collaborators from academia, government, and the not-for-profit and business sectors. The College partnered with the Suffolk County Workforce Investment Board (WIB), Brookhaven National Laboratory, Long Island Forum for Technology (LIFT), Renewable Energy Long Island, United Way of Long Island, Stony Brook University, Nassau Community College, and the Suffolk County Economic Development Commission as part of the grant submission

Dr. Shaun L. McKay, President of Suffolk County Community College commented, “I want to take this opportunity to applaud those individuals who were involved in this effort. While the current economic conditions make funding innovative programs and services challenging, the College remains committed to seeking alternative funding sources that will help revitalize the regional economy.”

SCCC will serve as both the programmatic and fiscal agent for the grant and will collaborate with the Suffolk County One-Stop Centers to recruit participants and to provide a full suite of supportive services to trainees, such as transportation and child care. For more information about this award, please visit: <http://www.dol.gov/opa/media/press/eta/eta20100883.htm>.

**About Suffolk County Community College**

Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) is the largest community college in the State University of New York (SUNY) system, enrolling approximately 25,000 students at its three campuses in Selden, Brentwood and Riverhead. SCCC offers the Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.), and Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degrees, as well as a variety of certificate programs. Offering the lowest college tuition on Long Island, a highly respected Honors program, extensive extracurricular activities, championship athletic teams, and numerous unified transfer programs, SCCC is a first-choice college for Long Island students. Visit us online at [sunysuffolk.edu](http://sunysuffolk.edu).