



“Expanding Green Opportunities with Encore Talent”

Friday, January 15, Noon-2:30 p.m.
Ohlone College
39399 Cherry Street, Newark, California
Room 1222

Hear from an extraordinary group of social innovators who are expanding green job and training opportunities for inner-city youths, laid-off workers, the homeless and other at-risk populations.

Learn how these pioneers are tapping the experience of people in their encore careers as trainers, mentors, managers, allies and advocates for green jobs for all ages.

- **James Smallwood**, The Choice Is Yours, Philadelphia, a union carpenter who recruits retired trades people to train ex-offenders, addicts and the homeless in construction skills.
- **Ezequiel Guzman**, Center for Employment Training, San Jose, who is using federal recovery funds to train farm workers and others in energy retrofit and solar installation.
- **Ann Higdon**, Improved Solutions for Urban Systems, Dayton, Ohio, which teaches high school dropouts construction and other skills while they get their high school degrees.
- **Matthew Marks Evans**, E-Three Labs, Detroit, who is greening the city’s distressed neighborhoods with an alliance of students and unemployed manufacturing workers, and building capacity in developing communities around the world.
- **Michele McGeoy**, Solar Richmond, Richmond, Calif., who uses solar training and innovative job-creation strategies to empower emerging leaders of the green economy.
- **Mark Davis**, WDC Solar Inc., Washington DC, whose solar company is establishing a nonprofit solar installation and manufacturing firm in the city’s Anacostia neighborhood.

Please join an open forum of public officials, employers, workforce experts and educators to explore ways to build the green economy through intergenerational cooperation. Sponsored by [Civic Ventures](#) and [Ohlone College](#), Newark Center for Health Sciences and Technology.

Lunch will be served.

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