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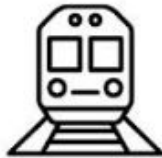
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The Just Transition Employment and Retraining Working Group: September Updates and Clean Transportation Highlights

By: Cindy Osorto, Chair of the JTWG, Maryland Department of the Environment
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Agenda for Today

- Introduction and Updates by Cindy Osorto, Chair of the JTWG, MDE
- Clean Transportation Program Updates by Diego Lopez, Maryland Energy Administration
- Climate Programs and Workforce Priorities by Shawn Kiernan, Maryland Department of Transportation
- Discussion and Public Comment



Recap of Last Meeting - Passed 4 Recommendations

1. Support **7 Just Transition Principles** (new graphic coming soon, and the following is a shortened version): Quality Green Jobs, Occupational Training and Education, Sustainable Job and Project Investments, Eliminate Employment Barriers, Retain Underrepresented Workers, Stakeholder and Worker Collaboration, and Support Existing Fossil Fuel Workforce
2. Support **labor best practices**, including job security and support for new decarbonization infrastructure for varying project sizes
3. Support a **Green Jobs outreach campaign in 2025** to encourage applications and participation in clean energy-related apprenticeships and relevant technologies
4. Invest in **expansion of workforce models programs** like the Maryland Department of Labor's Employment Advancement Right Now (EARN) Maryland, Registered Apprenticeship, and Maryland Works for Wind (MWW) to address existing and emerging workforce needs in solar, wind, geothermal, electrification, and other clean energy sectors.

MCCC Updates and Voting

Two upcoming [MCCC](#) voting meetings where all working group recommendations, including JTWG, will be considered:

- Monday, **September 30** from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
- Tuesday, **October 15** from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm



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- Supporting **small business innovation** - On September 9th, a \$10 million federal grant was awarded to the Maryland Technology Development Corporation ([TEDCO](#)) through the [State Small Business Credit Initiative](#) Investing in America Small Business Opportunity Program, which can support America's supply chains and related clean energy sectors.
- Supporting **union engagement** - On September 4th, Governor Moore held a first-ever [Labor Relations Roundtable](#) in order to engage leadership and union members on ways to support new jobs, ensure fair pay, and advance solutions.



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- Supporting the **next generation** of leaders - On September 11th, the second [Maryland Corps and Service Year Option](#) cohort launched in partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Trust.
- Supporting **bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure** - On September 12th, more than \$16M has been provided by MDOT to the [Transportation Alternatives Program](#), [Recreational Trails Program](#), and the [Kim Lamphier Bikeways Network Program](#) across Maryland jurisdictions.
- Supporting **veterans** - On September 18th, the Office of [Small, Minority and Women Business Affairs](#) increased the Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise Program participation goal from 1% to 3%, effective immediately.



Next Up - Brief Transportation Updates from MEA and Clean Transportation Highlights from MDOT



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