



## State Energy Workforce Committee

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**Consortium Name** CT Energy Workforce Development Consortium

**Committee Name:** n/a

**Committee Chair:**

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*Please provide brief descriptions and additional contact information for project lead if appropriate.*

### **Top Accomplishment in 2008:**

1. Held initial meeting to determine interest in establishing a CT Consortium.

### **Top Activities or Plans in 2009:**

1. Developed a working Consortium – adopt charter, established 3 working committees. (i.e. Career Awareness, “Traditional Energy” Education, “Green/Emerging Technologies” Education )
2. Developed/administered a workforce survey sent to over 350 companies and related organizations to identify projected job needs for 2010, 2011, and 2014. Data will be compared to existing training and education programs to identify gap.
3. In process of applying for related grant under AARA.
4. Working with higher education to provide industry driven training and education needs; Community Colleges to help develop new 1 year college credit certificates in sustainable operations and energy.

### **Best Practice to Share:**

- We recognized that creating a Charter would provide us a common understanding of our Scope, Objectives and Expectations so we could try to optimize our efforts.

### **Issues We Struggle With:**

- Educational organizations have been taking too much “air time” - Need to ensure a more balanced, strong industry driven agenda. May need to establish a “business” only committee to ensure that business feels there is a value to attend.
- The current interests and initiatives now being focused on “Renewable & Green” energy are good. We still need to be mindful of the need to develop a workforce to replace the aging workers (who will eventually retire) and support the growth the more traditional energy related occupations that will also be needed in the future.