## **Green Jobs Symposium**

A Pre-Conference Seminar of the 2009 NCSL Legislative Summit & the NCSL Standing Committee on Labor and Economic Development



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**Registration is complimentary to registrants of the 2009 NCSL Legislative Summit.** To register, fax the form above to Robert Strange, at 202-737-1069 or email your information to robert.strange@ncsl.org.

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Economic opportunities and environmental necessities have combined to make green jobs a vital public policy issue. This seminar brings together experts on green technology, business and labor leaders, and state lawmakers, to explore the challenges and rewards of a green economy.

The seminar will focus on

- defining green jobs
- current & future green jobs
- emerging industries
- workforce training
- public-private partnerships
- public policy options

"Green jobs are jobs that pay living wages, provide a career ladder and benefit the environment. As lawmakers, we need to develop policies that generate green jobs and sustainable industries."

> Representative Brent Yonts, Kentucky Chair, NCSL Labor and Economic Development Committee

## **Agenda**

10:30 - 12:00 Green Jobs Revolution - An Overview

Green jobs are in growing industries and require new skills for many workers. This session will focus on the characteristics of a green job, the skills workers need to obtain these jobs, the types of training available, and what state legislators can do to ensure that workers, employers and their state economies benefit from green jobs growth.

12:00 - 1:30 Luncheon: The Walmart Green Jobs Council

The Walmart Green Jobs Council is comprised of representatives from the retailer's operations, real estate, logistics, and sustainability divisions, as well as representatives from large and small companies across various industries. This session will provide legislators and legislative staff information about the Council, including their top catalysts and barriers for creating green jobs, and how state legislators can work collaboratively with business to help develop a vital green jobs workforce.

1:45 - 2:45 **Getting from Here to There: Green Jobs** of Today and Tomorrow

How can states adapt to emerging green industries and plan for the green jobs of the future? Come learn what state lawmakers can do to support the development of green jobs and industries today and expand their resources for the green jobs of tomorrow.

3:00 - 4:00 **Green Jobs: Training Initiatives and Partnerships** 

Community colleges, businesses and labor organizations all play a part in providing workforce training for green jobs. This session will explore current green jobs training programs at community colleges and showcase business and labor partnerships that are connecting skilled workers to the industries that need them. Joint with NCSL Education Committee

4:00 - 5:00 Maximizing Resources in Tough Economic Times

State legislators are pioneers in providing opportunities and innovation to promote green jobs during the recession. This session will focus on their role in creating green jobs, providing training for workers and promoting a sustainable green jobs economy. Joint with NCSL Budgets & Revenue Committee.