

# FIGHTING POVERTY

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Good Jobs, Green Jobs

## Green Jobs in the Climate Bill:

**Background:** Back in July, the House passed the American Clean Energy and Security Act (ACESA), a bill that lays the groundwork for a transition to a clean-energy economy by setting standards for carbon emissions. What does the energy bill have to do with poverty-reduction? In addition to tackling the urgent issue of climate change, this bill represents an opportunity to create millions of new green jobs and to ensure that low-income people have the training and opportunity to access employment in emerging green sectors. Click [here](#) for a one-page resource on the connection between green jobs and poverty-reduction.

In the House version of the ACESA bill, two key provisions help to carve out green pathways out of poverty:

- **The Green Construction Careers Demonstration Project.** This provision is designed to help low-income Americans move into middle class careers in the green economy for low-income Americans. This Project allows the Secretaries of Labor and Energy to target employment and training opportunities in green construction to workers and communities who traditionally have had little access to career-track jobs in the building trades.

**THE ASK:** Urge your Senators to ensure that the Green Construction Careers Demonstration Project is included in the Senate version of ACESA

- **Funding for the Green Jobs Act.** The Green Jobs Act is an existing program that helps those workers most impacted by unemployment and pollution to connect with the training and support they need to participate in the green economy. The House version of ACESA allocates 0.75% of the allowance value of carbon emissions (approximately \$860 million) to the Green Jobs Act in 2012 and 2013.

**THE ASK:** Urge your Senator to build on the House provisions, allocating allowance values to the Green Jobs Act beyond 2013 in order to meet the ongoing demand for skilled workers in the clean energy economy.