



# Resources for Finding Green Jobs Available through IDES

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The Bureau of Labor Statistics released a report in March showing that 3.1 million Americans held green jobs in 2010, accounting for 2.4 percent of all employment. According to an IDES survey of Illinois employers, green jobs are expected to grow rapidly, with an annual rate of increase of 13.4 percent. For many who are either out of work or looking for a new career, green industry sectors may be a viable option for finding a new job.

BLS defines green goods and services jobs as those “in businesses that produce goods and provide services that benefit the environment or conserve

natural resources.” IDES’ online career information resources, the Illinois Career Information System, or CIS, for students and ReNEW for adults, link users to the “Find Your Green Job” website, where they can define their interests, research industries and locate job leads in sustainable fields. IDES’ career resources can be accessed at [www.ides.illinois.gov/careerinfo](http://www.ides.illinois.gov/careerinfo).

The Green Career Interest Survey on the CIS and ReNEW home pages quickly guides users to the industry sectors that might be the best matches for them. Users check which of 80 activities they enjoy, and the survey adds up their

responses in 10 areas. When they enter Find Your Green Job through the My CIS Portfolio, they can then click on the colorful Green Economy Map to explore in-depth industry profiles, including major employers and job boards. The industry sectors are:

- Environmental Science
- Natural Resource Management
- Smart Grid and Energy
- Information Technology
- Green Building
- Transportation
- Manufacturing Cycle\*
- Green Services and Experiences
- Educating, Inspiring, Motivating, and Persuading
- Shaping the Green Economy

Please note, the three segments of manufacturing are combined into one of continuous processes; so there are 12 segments on the map but 10 industry sectors in the survey.

Find Your Green Job has career information for both job seekers and career counselors, including industry profiles, national job boards, employers, networking groups, national schools and training programs, upcoming events and articles and audio files that guide job seekers through the process of finding a green job. It offers career coaching videos, webinars, interviews with employees in green jobs and news on green job trends. In addition, Find Your Green Job is customized to offer Illinois-specific articles, schools, job listings and networking groups pertaining to the green industry sector.

It takes time to make the transition to a green career, but those who put in the effort could be rewarded with job satisfaction and improved earnings. The White House Task Force on the Middle Class estimates that people possessing green job-specific knowledge, skills and credentials could see a 10 to 20 percent hike in their paychecks.

## Green Job Facts:

**In the United States, Green Goods and Services jobs accounted for:**

- **2.4 percent of total employment in 2010**
- **2.3 million private sector jobs**
- **461,800 private-sector manufacturing jobs (the most of any private sector industry)**
- **860,300 public sector jobs**

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics news release, "Employment in Green Goods and Services," March 22, 2012.

## Access Find Your Green Job

1. Go to [www.ides.illinois.gov/careerinfo](http://www.ides.illinois.gov/careerinfo).
2. Click on Illinois CIS or ReNEW.
3. Click on "Visit CIS today!" or "Visit ReNEW today!"
4. Use the Illinois resident login.
5. Create a "My CIS Portfolio" with your own user name and password.
6. Return to the home page and select "Go to My CIS Portfolio."
7. Choose "Find Your Green Job."

## Green Career Resources in "Find Your Green Job"

- Illinois Green News Blog
- Informative Green Illinois Maps
- CIS Green Content Links
- Illinois Green Job Boards
- Illinois Green Networking Resources
- Illinois Green Employers
- Illinois Green Schools and Training Programs