

### Half Million Dollar Grant will Help Oregon Veterans, Retool Energy Sector

Washington, DC – Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore) today announced funding from the Department of Labor to provide veterans with green job training. Through this program, veterans will receive skills assessments, individual job counseling, labor market information, classroom or on-the-job training for green jobs.

“This federal funding will make a difference for Oregon veterans, who I am proud to represent. They have served our country abroad, and now, they can serve again at home by changing the way our community uses and burns energy,” **said Rep. Blumenauer**. “Training veterans for jobs in the green sector is an effective way to deal with the most serious challenges we face, from creating job opportunities to protecting our health and the environment.”

The Labor Department’s Veterans’ Employment and Training Service (VETS) rewarded \$9 million in grants to 22 communities, which will provide training for more than 4000 Veterans. Community Solutions for Clackamas County was awarded \$500,000. Their program serves Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties.

Funds were awarded on a competitive basis to state and local workforce investment boards, local public agencies and nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and community organizations.

More information regarding VWIP can be found at [www.dol.gov/vets](http://www.dol.gov/vets) .