

County training program featured in federal report

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The U.S. Department of Energy has highlighted a Clark County training program as a federal stimulus success story.

The Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council received \$1 million to train workers to perform home energy upgrades. Through a partnership with Clark College and Vancouver contractor Richart Family Inc., the students got on-the-job training and attended classes to receive Building Performance Institute Energy Analyst and BPI Shell certifications.

The program has trained 43 students who are now working at Richart, according to the report.

Three other successful state programs that received federal stimulus money were featured in the Recovery Act spending report released this week.