

GreenPOWER

Training Minnesota's Green Manufacturing Workforce

In 2010, the BlueGreen Alliance Foundation received a U.S. Department of Labor Grant to fund the creation of a green manufacturing job training program. GreenPOWER has now — with the assistance of our partners throughout Minnesota — trained over 1,150 Minnesotans in the skills they need to get and keep good, green jobs and helped one in three unemployed participants get back to work.

Participants

The BlueGreen Alliance Foundation's GreenPOWER program provided training to over 653 unemployed and 371 incumbent manufacturing workers from throughout the Southwestern, Iron Range and Twin Cities Metropolitan regions of Minnesota.

Workers from all levels of manufacturing took GreenPOWER's courses focusing on solid waste management, air pollution, water conservation, energy conservation, green chemistry and sustainability plan implementation. Everyone from line workers and welders to quality assurance personnel, human resource managers and engineers stated they saw ways to apply GreenPOWER's lessons to their day-to-day work activities.

One in three unemployed GreenPOWER participants — totaling 209 — found training-related jobs at 160 companies statewide. These workers — some of who had been unemployed for over a year — are now working for manufacturing, construction, utilities, mining and other companies.

GreenPOWER By The Numbers

1,151 workers (incumbent, unemployed and dislocated) participated in GreenPOWER

618 workers completed the Green Specialist Six-Module Series

218 graduates found training-related employment (approximately **30%** of unemployed participants)

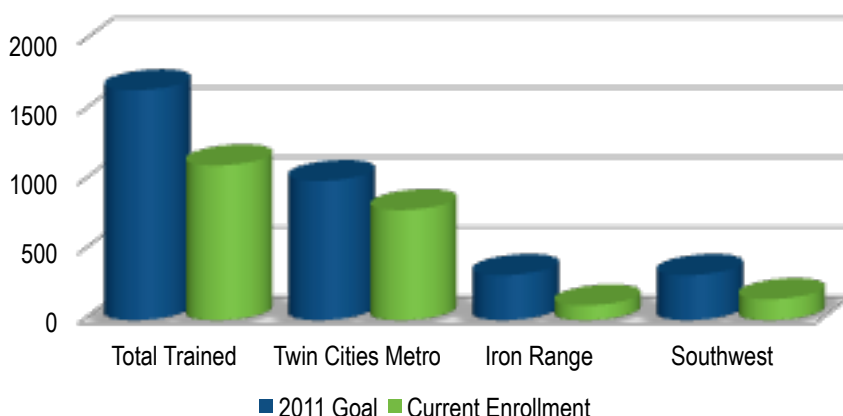
176 participants used GreenPOWER scholarship funds for additional training opportunities

160 companies hired GreenPOWER graduates

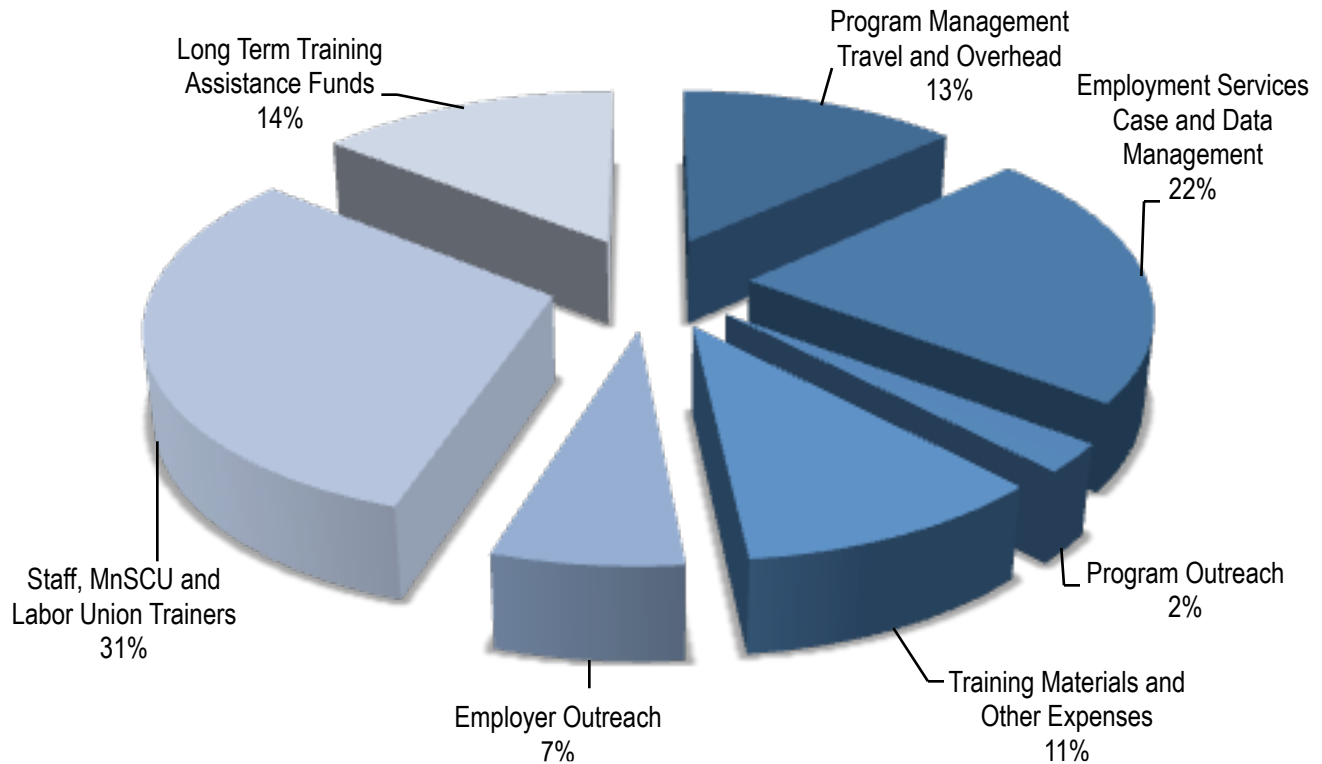
115 graduates received certification from the Society of Manufacturing Engineers

All Data as 8/1/2011

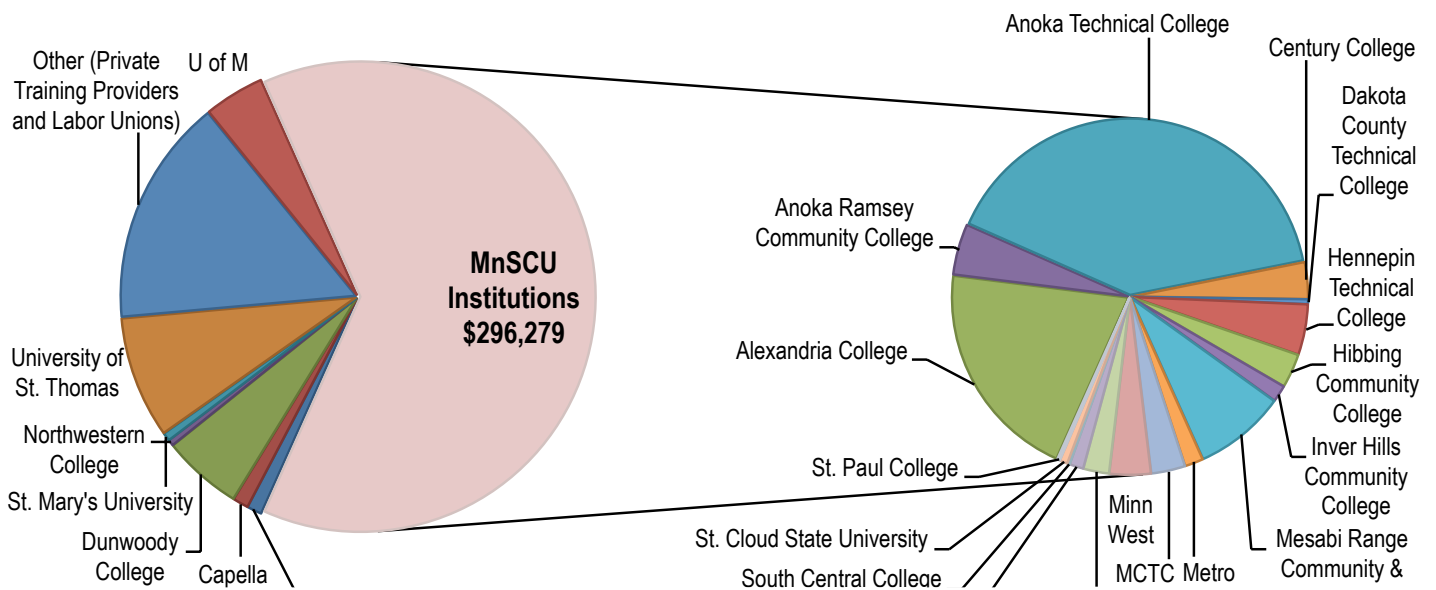
Total Enrollment



GreenPOWER Expenses to Date



Long-Term Training Assistance Funds Spent Total \$458,260



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