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Green Jobs Forum

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and Cornell University will host a Green Jobs Forum on Thursday, June 25, 10:00 a.m. to noon. The forum will be broadcast to Cornell Cooperative Extension Associations, located in 14 counties across New York State, via Cornell's distance learning video conference network. The forum is free and open to the public. Information on the following topics and issues will be addressed:

- Defining "green jobs"
- where to find "green jobs"
- information on available training programs
- the future for the "green jobs" sector
- Becoming a Home Performance with ENERGY STAR[®] contractor

General information about the Workforce Development Institute and the New York State Apollo Alliance will be presented, as well as resources available to the general public around the topic of green jobs. Legislative initiatives and other partnerships designed to bolster the clean energy economy in New York State and elsewhere will be discussed.

Representatives of NYSERDA will also provide information on training programs in place and financial incentives available to entrepreneurs and home improvement contracting firms that want to expand into the home performance field.

Seating for the Green Jobs Forum is limited so if you are interested in attending please phone Cornell Cooperative Extension of **Herkimer County** at **315-866-7920** to reserve a seat.

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