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Michigan Green Business Leaders Support Renewed Federal Funding for Green Jobs

DETROIT, Mich., November 26, 2012—Detroit Area Green Sector Skills Alliance, a partnership of Michigan green business leaders, issued the following statement in support of renewed federal funding for green jobs:

“The Policy Solutions Team of the Detroit Area Green Sector Skills Alliance supports a balanced approach by President Obama and the Congress to address the country's fiscal challenges. We call upon these national leaders to support both small businesses and workforce development that will benefit individuals and the economy as a whole. Additionally we call upon the federal government to create an energy plan for a clean and sustainable energy future.”

ABOUT THE DETROIT AREA GREEN SECTOR SKILLS ALLIANCE

The Detroit Area Green Sector Skills Alliance (DGSSA) is a newly designated Michigan Skills Alliance supported in part with funding and technical assistance provided by the State of Michigan Workforce Development Agency (WDA) and the Detroit Regional Workforce Fund. It is an independent industry alliance meant to serve the needs of the industry in the region and has two primary end customers—employers and workers. As such, DGSSA must have a dual customer focus on meeting employer needs as well as creating job opportunities and career pathways for workers.

Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice (DWEJ) supports the work of this Detroit Area Green Sector Skills Alliance. DWEJ works with communities to create cleaner, healthier and safer neighborhoods and envisions Detroit as a vibrant urban center in SE Michigan where all thrive in environmental, economic and social health.

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