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## ***A Sectoral Approach to Building America's Next Generation Workforce***

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The Biden-Harris Administration's historic federal investments in infrastructure, clean energy, and advanced manufacturing through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), the CHIPS and Science Act, and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) are expected to generate nearly **three million jobs each year** over the next decade.

1. Infrastructure Jobs remain hard to fill – taking 20 percent longer to fill than jobs in other industries on average. This is only expected to get worse, as more than **1.7 million workers are expected to retire each year** in this sector.
2. Labor force participation rate is projected to fall from 62.2 percent in 2022 to 60.4 percent in 2032, and as many as **six million youth (15 percent) have become disconnected from education and work** as a result of the pandemic.
3. National surveys indicate that **half of Americans don't believe a good job is within their reach**, but infrastructure jobs are more likely to pay good wages, and have lower barriers to entry to workers without a college degree.

# Tackling the Challenge

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Achieving the promise of such investments will require a diverse, skilled, and ready workforce to build America's next generation infrastructure and economy.

To tackle these challenges head on, the National League of Cities and the U.S. Department of Labor launched the **Good Jobs, Great Cities Academy**, an intensive year-long effort to develop innovative and scalable city-supported solutions that upskill and reskill workers into quality, high-demand jobs in infrastructure, clean energy, and advanced manufacturing jobs.

# Congratulations

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- Birmingham, AL
- Chattanooga, TN
- Duluth, MN
- **Fort Lauderdale, FL**
- Frederick, MD
- Jamestown, NY
- Kokomo, IN
- Lansing, MI
- Missoula, MT
- Monroe, NC
- Newark, NJ
- San Antonio, TX
- Santa Fe, NM
- Saint Louis, MO
- Tacoma, WA
- Tempe, AZ

# The GJGC Framework

## Good Jobs, Great Cities: A Sectoral Approach to Building America's Next-Generation Infrastructure

Step 1:  
Engage a Specific  
Infrastructure Sector

Step 2:  
Implement Evidence-  
based Workforce  
Strategies

Step 3:  
Build Care  
Infrastructure that  
Supports Good Jobs

Step 4:  
Prioritize and Serve  
Target Population(s)  
or Communities(s)

Core Principles: Job Quality & Equity

# Support for Cities in the GJGC Academy

Access to research and guidance on successful program models and strategies to scale success.

Direct coaching and guidance from DOL & NLC staff and other experts, including site visits.

Opportunities to connect virtually and in-person (with costs covered by NLC) to learn from peer cities and national experts.

Opportunities to elevate the work of your city to a national audience.

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