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Atlantic City Infrastructure Program Cohort 2 Begins

Program provides City residents with a pathway to careers in energy

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ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (September 28, 2023) – The City of Atlantic City and Atlantic City Electric have announced the second cohort of the Atlantic City Infrastructure Program (ACIP) is underway. This cohort includes 22 City residents who will gain utility training and work-ready skills to prepare them for promising careers in the energy field. The program welcomed its first cohort last year and celebrated 26 graduates who are working with Atlantic City Electric or one of the company’s contractors of choice.

Carla Green-Abrams is a graduate of the first ACIP cohort who is now a business analyst working with company’s Smart Energy Network project team. “I’ve been welcomed by a supportive and motivated team with open arms. The learning opportunities working with Atlantic City Electric are vast and are equipping me with valuable knowledge from some of the highest-ranking professionals in the industry,” said Green-Abrams.

Edward Wilson, another graduate of the first cohort, is now a senior work planner for Atlantic City Electric and recommends the program to anyone looking for a career change or has experienced resistance finding employment that fosters professional growth.

“As a mid-level professional switching industries, I find it refreshing to work for Atlantic Electric, a company committed to hiring qualified professionals that fit their DEI initiatives,” said Wilson. “What is more refreshing is seeing my city and Atlantic City Electric partner to give opportunities to members of the working population a chance at a life-changing career that they may not have had a shot at before the cohort.”

With a goal of providing every graduate a job opportunity with Atlantic City Electric or one of the company’s contractors of choice, the Atlantic City Infrastructure Program is a leading example of a corporate-community partnership that helps educate the state’s future energy workforce, resulting in positive impact on the livelihoods of individuals and families in Atlantic City while supporting the advancement of South Jersey’s economy.

“The success stories coming from the program’s first cohort demonstrate the positive impacts this program is having on the community and brings excitement as we welcome the second cohort. The possibilities for these participants are endless, and now we have something tangible to showcase with their noted accomplishments,” said Doug Mokoid, region president of Atlantic City Electric. “ACIP will continue to drive social equity for the residents of Atlantic City, and we will continue to work with the City of Atlantic City to garner the talent embedded in its community and give them the tools to grow professionally in a promising career.”

Participants in the second cohort will take part in the 16-week program, which began on September 27, 2023, and attend sessions two days per week for three hours each. Training takes place at Atlantic Cape Community College's Worthington Campus in Atlantic City and at the Atlantic City Electric utility training yard located at the Anthony "Tony" Canale Training Center in Egg Harbor Township, N.J. Program education is provided by Atlantic Cape Community College in partnership with the Atlantic County Workforce Development Board. Participants will also receive a \$1,500 stipend.

"The first cohort of the Atlantic City Infrastructure program was a huge success, and we are looking forward to opening this life-changing program up to more residents," said City of Atlantic City Mayor Marty Small, Sr. "My focus as Mayor since day one has been giving the people of the Great City of Atlantic City opportunities they may not otherwise have. We are excited to once again partner with Atlantic City Electric to give our residents the tools they need to jumpstart their careers and earn salaries they, at one time, may never have imagined they could earn."

The Atlantic City Infrastructure Program builds on a broader six-year, \$6.5 million South Jersey Workforce Development Program that Atlantic City Electric launched in 2018. It is executed through an effort with four South Jersey workforce development boards and three vocational schools.

In addition to these results focused workforce development programs, Atlantic City Electric has several initiatives that are helping to open doors to new career opportunities for residents and students across South Jersey:

- The company recently joined Jingoli Power to provide jobs to 16 Atlantic City young adults as part of its Atlantic City/Brigantine Community Reliability Project.
- The company's High School Energy Career Academy is a four-year program focused on preparing students in grades 9 through 12, for entering post-secondary education or moving directly to employment in the energy field.
- Its Spark Internship Program provides an eight-week summer paid work experience and work-readiness education for rising South Jersey high school juniors and seniors with an interest in engineering, IT, technical services, trades, environmental studies and other energy industry relevant subject areas.
- Through the company's Community Scholars Program, hundreds of South Jersey students have received support of up to \$5,000 to pursue degrees in various disciplines, including STEM and business-related fields.

Residents of Atlantic City interested in participating in the Atlantic City Infrastructure Program can contact Rachele Dorsey at Rachele.Dorsey@exeloncorp.com.

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