

Comments concerning EPIC  
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**MARKET FACILITATION, Workforce Development**

Addressing the broader issues of workforce development and career training is not within the scope of the EPIC program. Rather, the focus should be on technical, market, and regulatory training and information that facilitates the deployment and commercialization of specific technologies being developed under the EPIC program. One can foresee that, in many cases, the training may be higher-level and require trainees to have a basis of understanding or skill. Where possible, the workforce development that is supported by EPIC should build on a pre-existing skill base within the related technical workforce, or in the case of market-oriented or regulatory training, the appropriate business or government background.

Education, outreach, and workforce development supported under the Market Facilitation goal should also involve market stakeholders when planning and implementing programs. Stakeholders representing the industry in which a new technology is being deployed must be involved when training curriculum, procedures, venues, and experts are being identified. This will ensure the effectiveness and proper fit within the deployment strategy.