



Missouri Local Training and Resource Center (MLTRC) **Community Resilience Workforce Development Program**

Overview

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Missouri Local Training and Resource Center (MLTRC) is located at
Missouri University of Science and Technology (Missouri S&T) in Rolla



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MLTRC Introduction (Script)

The Missouri Local Training and Resource Center (MLTRC) is based at Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla. MLTRC has a long-standing record of delivering high-quality workforce development and technical assistance across Missouri, particularly in rural and underserved communities.

Through its Missouri Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) and Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP), MLTRC trains city and county road crews, rural transit providers, and local agencies on infrastructure, safety, and operational best practices. These programs are trusted, scalable, and deeply embedded in Missouri's public service landscape.

More recently, MLTRC launched the Missouri Community Resilience Workforce Development Program through Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation grant. This initiative focuses on building a skilled workforce to support energy efficiency, weatherization, emergency response, and entrepreneurship, which mirror the kinds of outcomes envisioned under the Community Benefits Program.

MLTRC has extensive experience collaborating with various stakeholders to increase program reach and impact. MLTRC stands ready to collaborate with other agencies, including the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and Community Action partners, to support weatherization efforts and deliver targeted training statewide. In short, MLTRC offers a proven platform, a statewide network, and a mission that aligns directly with the goals of this plan.

MLTRC at Missouri S&T:

A Strategic Partner in Advancing Community Benefits

The Missouri Local Training and Resource Center (MLTRC), based at Missouri University of Science and Technology, is well-positioned to contribute to the implementation of the Community Benefits Program proposed under the LLPS tariff. With extensive experience and expertise in workforce development, technical assistance, and rural engagement, MLTRC can serve as a collaborative partner in delivering targeted training, outreach, and capacity-building efforts across Missouri.

Missouri Community Resilience Workforce Development Program

One of MLTRC's key initiatives, the Missouri Community Resilience Workforce Development Program, aligns directly with the goals of the Community Benefits Program by:

- Delivering training in energy efficiency, weatherization, infrastructure, and emergency response.
- Supporting underserved, low-income, and rural communities through knowledge and resource sharing and workforce development.
- Promoting energy efficiency, weatherization, and building best practices.
- Creating career pathways and workforce opportunities in energy and resilient infrastructure sectors.

This program is supported by Missouri S&T's Kummer Institute and integrates Missouri S&T's innovation ecosystem, including student-led design projects and public interest technology initiatives.

Coordinating with Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

MLTRC in partnership with Environmental Energy Consultants, LLC will collaborate with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Community Action Agencies, and local WAP providers to:

- Expand access to weatherization services for low-income households impacted by LLPS-related development.
- Deliver workforce training aligned with WAP standards and DOE Zero Energy Ready Home guidelines.
- Support community leaders and local officials with education on scalable energy efficiency, building operations, and maintenance.
- Leverage available funding to scale impact (possibly beyond Missouri at a future time) and avoid duplication of services.

Why MLTRC?

Missouri S&T has managed the Missouri Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP), the cornerstone of the Center, for over 25 years. Missouri LTAP provides:

- Statewide reach through LTAP/RTAP networks and partnerships with local governments, utilities, and community colleges.
- Proven delivery model with well over two decades of experience in training, technical assistance, and federal grant management.
- Alignment with Missouri's strategic priorities in resilience, infrastructure, and workforce development.
- Connection to 49 other state LTAP centers for information sharing and training development.

MLTRC has the needed experience and knowledge to collaborate with other agencies and stakeholders to ensure the Community Benefits Program delivers meaningful, just outcomes for Missouri communities.

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