

# Green Collar Jobs and Building a High-Tech Green Economy



Friday, Nov. 13, 2009

Oakton Community College

- 8:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Greeting: Tom Hamel and Bob Sompolski, Oakton Community College  
Jennifer Stasch, Workforce Board of Northern Cook County
- 8:45 a.m. Regional Outlook: Deborah Popely, Delta Institute
- 9:00 a.m. Keynote Speaker: U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky
- 9:15 a.m. Development Panel: Suzanne Malec-McKenna, Chicago Department of Environment  
Deborah Popely, Delta Institute  
Dan Swinney, Chicago Manufacturing Renaissance Council  
John Vlahakis, Earth Friendly Products
- 10:00 a.m. Keynote Speaker: Chicago Alderman Manuel Flores
- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. Technology Panel: Sean Murdock, NanoBusiness Alliance  
Bob Weinstein, Illinois Manufacturing Extension Center  
Jim Wurtz, National Railway Equipment Co.
- 11:30 a.m. Careers Panel: Majid Ghadiri, Oakton Community College  
Kindy Kruller, Delta Institute  
Helen Oloroso, Northwestern University  
Federico Sciammarella, Northern Illinois University
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch and Roundtable Discussion
- 1:00 p.m. Roundtable Reports
- 1:30 p.m. Closing Remarks: Bob Sompolski



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## Roundtable Discussion Questions:

1. How does your organization initiate green opportunities?
2. How have the trends identified today impacted your organization?
3. What will be your organization's response to the information presented today?
4. What does your organization need to do to build upon today's momentum?



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