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National Green Jobs Corps

The key to future prosperity lies in increasing the skills, capabilities, and knowledge of people. The Australian Government is committed to ensuring that all young Australians have the skills and experience required to realize their full potential and to ensure that they are well positioned for when the global recession ends. In support of this goal, the Government, through the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (WR), has developed the National Green Jobs Program.

The National Green Jobs Corps Program will attract young people who may struggle to engage with and remain in education or training. It will also provide a pathway to further education, training, or employment. This Program complements the recent reforms made by the Australian Government to employment services through Job Services Australia — a \$4.46 billion investment in employment services to help job seekers find and keep jobs.

The Program – As part of Australia’s initiative “Keeping Australia Working”, DEEWR released the National Green Job Corps Tender in September, 2009 seeking qualified vendors to bid services for a 26-week Environmental Training Program. The intent of this training program is to offer young people aged 17–24 the right combination of work experience, skill development, and accredited training to prepare them for employment in emerging green and climate change industries. MAXNetwork Pty Ltd, a subsidiary of MAXIMUS, Inc., was selected as one of nine vendors to provide these services country-wide for two years.

Involvement in National Green Jobs Corps leads to a nationally recognized qualification which helps guide young people to future employment and training opportunities. This is a free program for participants and is open to income support recipients aged 17–24 years who receive:

- Youth Allowance (other) and Newstart
- Allowance or Parenting Payment and are not working more than 15 hours per week
- Disability Support Pension and are able to work 15 hours per week or more
- Support Payments and not working more than 15 hours per week or in full-time education.



The Scope – National Green Jobs Corps projects run for 26 weeks with participants spending an average of 25 hours per week doing hands-on work experience and accredited training. These projects focus on the conservation, protection, and rejuvenation of the local environment or cultural heritage. The majority of projects are team-based activities developed in conjunction with local communities and groups to make certain local needs are met. The types of projects participants will be involved in include:

- Bush regeneration; beach and dune rehabilitation; wildlife and fish habitat protection; flora, fauna and land surveys and audits; and community consultation and surveys relating to the environment
- Training and hands-on experience in the installation of energy efficiencies (such as insulation for buildings) designed to reduce carbon emissions, and developing community information and education products.

Parliamentary Secretary for Employment, Jason Clare MP, met with National Green Jobs Corps providers at a Forum in Sydney on Tuesday, December 8th, 2009. National Green Jobs Corps signifies a \$72.43 million dollar investment over two years in young Australian job seekers. Commencing on January 2010, National Green Jobs Corps providers will deliver a broad range of environmentally focused projects to equip 10,000 young Australians with green skills and training.

The Solution – MAXIMUS is required to create training places for participants (shown right) throughout Australia per year. Of all places, 30 percent are required to be in 'remote' areas, where participants face infrastructure access issues.

Location	Percentage of Total Available	Number of Places per Year
Queensland	34%	340
Tasmania	50%	125
Victoria	25%	250
New South Wales	10%	150

MAXIMUS will set up a number of small projects of 10–50 participants around the country in conjunction with a number of our 'green' partners; mostly small to medium environmental organizations who 'fit' the ethos of this Program. We will use our Registered Training Organization status to provide accredited training in conjunction with our 'green' partners and our employment services experience to deliver the pre-vocational training element.

The Outcome – The National Green Jobs Corps Program commences on January 1st, 2010. DEEWR has established the following Key Performance Indicators (KPI) of which each vendor's performance is evaluated and monitored against and must report monthly:

- Efficiency: Our speed to commencement and placement
- Effectiveness: Number of people in places and number achieving skills goals
- Quality: Contractually compliant, services in keeping with Code of Conduct

MAXIMUS currently performs Employment Services, Disability Employment Services, and Vocational Rehabilitation Services. The KPIs for these programs are similar to the National Green Jobs Corps. Our performance to date under these other contacts has been high-quality. We are confident that we will continue to perform at a high-level under this new contact.

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