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Last week the federal government released new data pertaining to the American Recovery and Reinvestment

Act (ARRA). The information listed contracts that had been awarded and it was all posted on www.recovery. gov.

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Community facilities get funds

percent of all stimulus money. (MORE)

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\$19.6 million from other sources.

The program helps finance hospitals, health care and assisted-living facilities, child care centers, fire and rescue stations, police stations, community centers, public buildings and transportation. Funds are available to public bodies, nonprofit organizations and federally recognized Indian tribes. The grant amounts range from thousands to millions of dollars. To view the list of the grant recipients and the amounts allocated, click HERE.

contact Reagan Weil or Richard Hartmann at 512-531-3900 Stimulus briefs Propane refueling network being planned with \$12.9M in funding

Houston, Chicago, Denver, Atlanta and Sacramento have been named as the five cities involved in a retail rollout of the nation's first liquid propane refueling network. Some \$12.9 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds have been provided for the project of retrofitting nearly 200 gas stations across the country. These stations will provide a propane alternative for commercial fleet vehicles. It is part of the Recovery Act goal to reduce the nation's dependence on foreign energy products and increase the use of renewable energy.

The second phase of the project will include Dallas, Austin/San Antonio, the Louisiana Interstate 10 corridor of New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Lake Charles, Oklahoma City, Los Angeles, San Diego, Phoenix, St. Louis, Kansas City and Seattle.

United States ports of entry. Shovel-ready projects will be given priority. Of the \$1 billion awarded to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the General Services Administration from the Recovery Act, \$100 million was set aside for NII technologies. University-led consortiums to study wind power research, development Wind power has the potential to provide 20 percent of the nation's electricity while creating hundreds of thousands of jobs, according to

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During the next two years, they will acquire utility-scale and prototype wind turbines for researchers and students involved in research

and development. To view the list of projects selected and the amount awarded, click HERE and look under "Recent Reports."

prioritize if it should use the money to achieve equity in teacher distribution and teacher quality, improve the collection and use of data, enhance academic standards and assessments or support schools in need of assistance.

One of the nation's largest private fleets of alternative-fuel vehicles will be expanded with \$4 million in economic development funds.

The money also will be used by recipient ComEd to test solar-powered vehicle charging infrastructure. The **Illinois** company will get \$1.5 million from the City of Chicago's \$15 million in Recovery Act funds. This will expand the company's fleet to 14 new hybrid and plug-in electric hybrid vehicles over the next two years. The company's fleet already consists of 63 percent green vehicles. Residential and commercial installation of solar-powered heating systems in **Connecticut** will benefit from \$4 million in stimulus funding. The funds, part of the Solar Thermal Incentive Program, will cover costs for some 600 residential and 120 non-residential systems. Two public works projects in Kannapolis, **North Carolina**, will be aided by \$1.7 million in stimulus funds. Those funds will pay for half the costs to construct a pedestrian tunnel and storm water system under Loop Road and connect the N.C. Research Campus to

costs.

Jonesboro to rehabilitate a taxiway.

funds for construction of a new municipal complex in Fiscal Year 2011.

gymnasium building, cafeteria and arts building and three classroom buildings.

alternatives available to them to help deter further open dumping.

loan and grant from a U.S. Department of Agriculture rural development program.

recently agreed to renovations inside the building that will turn two courtrooms into three.

The equipment will help the department protect the Valero oil refinery from terrorist attacks.

that include bridge and track repairs and additional access to stations for persons with disabilities.

**Dakota** will get \$6.4 million and the Standing Rock Sioux are allocated \$6.4 million.

prepared to reach

their 2010 targets?

Dikes along the Calcasieu River in **Louisiana** are getting repairs from \$11 million in Recovery Act funding. The Army Corps of

invest \$2 million to complete Glacier Run, the zoo's exhibit that will feature polar bears, seals and sea lions. Louisville would spend \$1.5 million to open the first major park in the Floyds Fork corridor. Also on tap would be \$3.2 million for more efficient heating, cooling and light systems in government buildings. The Northwest **Arkansas** Regional Airport at Highfill and the Jonesboro Airport will both benefit from Recovery Act funding.

A spatial needs analysis for a new municipal complex in Dade City, **Florida**, has been commissioned. The complex would include a new city hall, police station and commission chambers. The city is seeking the assessment so it will know the projected cost and how much it will need to apply for in federal grants and loans to finance the project. The city's capital improvement plan has \$1.8 million in

Amtrak will replace transformers and electrical equipment at 40 of its substations between **Washington** and **New York** with the \$25 million it has been awarded in Recovery Funds. The stimulus money is speeding up a process that began in 2002 when the rail line announced 80 stations along its Northeast corridor would be updated. Recovery funds also will be used for Northeast corridor upgrades

Okaloosa County, **Florida**, is seeking nearly \$300 million in stimulus funds to address infrastructure needs in the north end of the county. The money would come through TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) grants - which have \$1.5 billion to spread throughout the country. The major component of the Florida proposal is an expansion of the SR 85 corridor from Mid-Bay Bridge to north of the Shoal River bridge in Crestview. SR 123 would be widened to four lanes, SR85 to six lanes. A park-and-ride program would be created with possible solar-powered electric charging stations and more.

supply. The plant could provide enough electricity to power City Hall and other city buildings. Officials are hoping for a \$1 million allocation in the 2010 federal budget bill to help pay for the project. Southern **Nevada** Water Authority board members recently approved spending almost \$900,000 over the next three years for a cloudseeding program that will pay for six snow generators in the Ruby Mountains and one generator in the Tuscarora Mountains. Utility poles are getting dressed up in St. John the Baptist Parish, **Louisiana**. The Parish Council recently approved installing a few dozen crime cameras on utility poles, some of the cameras camouflaged. The cameras are being paid for with \$251,782 in grant funds

locations. Other national news

Camden County explores privatizing jail Camden County, Pennsylvania, recently received a commissioned report that recommends closing the county jail and privatizing jail services. Such action, according to the report, would reduce operating costs. The facility was built in the 1980s and was designed to house a little over 1,000 inmates. The current jail population averages between 1,700 and 1,800. The county spends \$55.2 million per year on housing and transporting inmates and that figure will only grow in coming years.

## grant will help a private sector firm work with doctors and pharmacists to provide technology and technical assistance as well as financial help for independent retail pharmacies. Officials are looking at the program as a good first step toward an electronic medical records system. A new courtroom and chamber are expected to be added to the Coral Gables, **Florida**, branch courthouse. City commissioners

California was the big winner with a \$1.64 million award, followed by Texas with \$1.146 million and Illinois with \$1.03 million. The grants will be used to help train first responders to react to incidents involving hazardous materials. The awards went to states, territories and Native American tribes. States and territories were awarded a total of \$20,490,436, while tribes were allocated \$3778,839, for a total of \$20,869,275.

for funding. To view the list of recipients and the amounts they received, click **HERE** and look under "Recent Reports."

EPA awards more than \$900,000 to Okla. Corporation Commission

Economic development

read background materials and reports, click HERE.

National Brownfields conference slated Nov. 16-18

storage tanks have occurred and the responsible party is unknown, is unwilling or unable to respond.

Center. More than 6,000 environmental and economic development officials, finance and insurance providers, risk managers, planners, attorneys, civil engineers and students are expected to attend. The program features more than 150 panel sessions on green jobs and green remediation, creative financing and financial risk management, community and economic development, environmental assessment and cleanup, use of alternative energy to power the cleanup and redevelopment of properties, sustainability and more. There also will be more than 200 exhibitors. Displays of the latest technologies and services, mobile workshops and walking tours of

Goss, associate director of FEMA from 1994-2001 and now director of emergency management and crisis communications for SRA International; Yuki Karakawa from the International Association of Emergency Managers; Terry Gillette, president of Raytheon-SI; Lou Kratz, vice president and managing director, Logistics and Sustainment, Lockheed Martin Corp.; and representatives of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Florida National Guard and the Department of Homeland Security. Major topics will include emergency response and interoperability, the economy and preparedness, cyber-security and information assurance, human factors and secure technology.

Association, in partnership with EPA. For more information and to register, click HERE.

Conference on Global Preparedness set in December

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Calendar of events Thousands of individuals went to the site and it was apparent that billions of stimulus dollars have been State recovery Web sites spent by government entities. However, one of the Mary Scott Nabers more interesting facts to come out of the first reporting Procurement and advocacy services President/CEO Strategic Partnerships, Inc. period is that less than 25 percent of the \$787 billion in Strategic Partnerships, Inc. provides stimulus funding has been paid out. The federal government is still holding 75 states. Click here for more information.

Rural community facilities get \$30M boost Thirty-six projects nationwide will be funded in 22 states Community facilities throughout the country will have access to more than \$30 million in Recovery Act funding through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, according to a recent announcement. A total of 36 community facility projects in 22 states will share the funding. The goal of the program is to ensure that rural areas have access to the same quality of health care and critical care as more suburban areas. In addition to the \$30 million that USDA Rural Development is awarding for these 36 projects, recipients will invest

As an example, Pioneer Home, Inc., a nonprofit health care provider in Fergus Falls, Minnesota, was awarded a \$10.75 million direct loan to build a new 105-bed nursing home. The facility will feature modern equipment for staff and a common area for residents. In addition to the Recovery Act direct loan, Pioneer Home is receiving a \$10.75 million non-Recovery Act guaranteed loan, also through USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities program.

For information about these and other funding opportunities,

Commercial vehicles will be converted to fuel that is clean-burning and cheaper than gasoline and diesel fuels. The problem in the past was that if a public or private sector fleet was switched to another type fuel, that there were not enough refueling stations in the area.

Grant funding for technology will enhance border security Enhancing border security is the goal of \$88 million in Recovery Act funding set aside by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for Non-Intrusive Inspection (NII) equipment. The equipment will help the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to scan commercial traffic for contraband through both x-ray and other imaging technologies. There will be eight contracts awarded for NII technologies for both fixed and mobile detection equipment to be placed at and between

officials of the U.S. Department of Energy. The department thus has announced new investments in wind energy research facilities. Three university-led wind energy research facilities will be involved in the testing and production of the most advanced and efficient wind turbines. The three will be awarded a total of up to \$24 million to support these research and development programs and will partner with private industry, state and local governments and other universities. Their goal is the continued generation of clean energy and the development of a long-term clean energy workforce.

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Village Park. Four sets of downtown traffic lights will also be upgraded. Some \$420,000 in Recovery Act funds have been set aside to change lighting fixtures and controls at two University of **Connecticut** Health Center buildings. Current incandescent lighting and fluorescent bulbs will be replaced as will magnetic or electronic ballasts. More energy-efficient lighting, wiring and fixtures will replace them. A new fire station will be built in Tampa, **Florida**, thanks to \$1.6 million in federal stimulus funds. The new station, No. 22, will be built on Cross Creek Boulevard. The project includes building a fire station and parking lot on two acres.

More than \$3 million in Recovery Act funding will be used by Collier County, **Florida**, for energy efficiency and conservation efforts. The block grant funds include: \$665,510 for facilities management retrofits; \$665,811 for Parks and Recreation green lighting system

retrofits; \$149,000 for public utilities retrofits; \$139,960 for public utilities solar photovoltaic panels; \$542,999 for traffic signal improvements; \$473,476 for Collier County Master Mobility plan; \$250,000 for Children's Museum of Naples energy saving and renewable energy projects; and \$41,921 for green building codes inspection training. The rest of the funds will cover administrative

Non-stimulus opportunities

A grant of \$10.1 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Louisiana Recovery Authority are allowing the LeBlanc Elementary School in New Orleans, **Louisiana**, to continue with rebuilding the school. The new school will be a 100,000square-foot facility with 42 classrooms. The new facility will include six one-story buildings, including the administration building,

Almost \$200,000 in U.S. Department of Homeland Security grant funding will be used by the Benica, **California**, police department. The funds will be used for radio communications equipment, video and still cameras, binoculars, rifle scopes, lighting and GPS systems.

The mayor of the city of Pleasant Grove, **Utah**, is pushing for a small hydroelectric plant to generate power from the city's water

from the Edward Byrne Memorial Assistance Grant Program. Remaining costs will be covered by the Sheriff's Office.

Grants in the maximum amount of \$20,000 will be distributed by the **Vermon**t Department of Environmental Conservation in 2010 in the form of Watershed Grants. The funds will be available to municipalities, local or regional governmental agencies, nonprofits and citizen groups. The funds will be for projects that protect or restore water quality, shorelines or fish and wildlife habitats. Applications are due by Dec. 4. The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has awarded \$158,502 to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe of **Oklahoma** to be used to identify, characterize and assess open dumpsites located on Tribal lands. These dumpsites will be entered in the Indian Health Service (IHS) Operation and Maintenance Data System for tracking. The Tribe will also conduct outreach to Tribal members about

Kane County in **Utah** is considering building a new jail. A new 200-bed facility will cost \$15 million. Officials hope to pay for half of the project with a 2.5 percent, 30-year loan from the state Community Impact Fund Board. The other half would be paid by a low-interest

**Vermont** doctors are going to get a boost from a \$1 million federal grant that will help them switch to electronic prescriptions. The

The Pasadena, **California**, Police Department will be purchasing new technology to help officers fight crime. The department will purchase a thermal-imaging camera, a computer mapping system for its new helicopter and a new armored vehicle. The helicopter

equipment will cost more than \$500,000 in city funds while the armored vehicle will be paid for mostly by grant funds.

**EPA Awards \$15,000 to Texas Agricultural Extension Service** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has awarded \$15,000 to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service to be used to educate

parents and childcare providers on reducing children's exposures to lead hazards and managing indoor asthma triggers such as

cost of the project, approximately \$100 million. The building houses classrooms, labs and a lecture hall. This project would add

Groundbreaking for the new Conant Science Center on the campus of Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts is expected to be held Oct. 30. A five-year capital investment plan including millions for construction and modernization of the current building will fund the

environmental tobacco smoke, chemicals and indoor contaminants, mold, dust mites, pet dander and cockroaches.

Bridgewater State College plans new science center

understand and define the function and health of water stream ecosystems.

modernized and the building's façade and signage will be upgraded.

Remington Park owners plan \$12M in upgrades, renovations

Lakeside schools to use \$4.2M in bond funds for technology, equipment

equipment and modernization for hands-on use by students.

effort to increase security at the schools in the district, high-definition cameras and improved fencing are being installed at the schools. States to share \$20.9M to train first responders for haz-mat incidents Texas, California and Illinois will garner the lion's share of \$20.9 million in funding to improve the country's response to transportation incidents involving hazardous materials. The U.S. Department of Transportation this week announced the grants from its Pipeline and

Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), funded by user fees paid by shippers and carriers of certain hazardous materials.

These grants have helped train more than 2.4 million emergency responders since 1993. Additionally, some 1,700 local emergency planning committees were assisted in preparing and exercising hazardous materials emergency response planes. All 50 states qualified

The Environmental Protection Agency has awarded \$922,000 to the Oklahoma Corporation Commission to assist in investigations, emergency responses, cleanup, risk management, alternative water supplies and relocation of residents where leaks from underground

The Lakeside, California, school district is using \$4.2 million of its recently approved \$79.55 million bond funds to provide technology and other equipment upgrades. The equipment includes digital "smart boards," laptop computers, advanced projectors and more. In an

Calendar of events Web seminar on use of feed-in tariffs slated for Oct. 28 A Web seminar for state and local officials on how state and local governments are beginning to use feed-in tariffs as a policy to advance emerging renewable energy technologies is being offered by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Technical Assistance Project. The Web seminar will be from 3 to 4:15 p.m. (EDT) on Wednesday, Oct. 28. The program, "Feed-In Tariffs: Best Practices and

Application in the United States," will feature Karlynn Cory, energy analyst at the DOE National Renewable Energy Laboratory as she presents several examples of such policies from across the United States. The Web seminar is free of charge, but you must register in advance to obtain a URL for the presentation and call-in phone number. To register online, find information about the presenters and

The 13th National Brownfields Conference has been scheduled for Nov. 16-18 at New Orleans' Ernest N. Morial Convention

New Orleans are also included. The National Brownfields Conference is managed by the International City/County Management

Presentations will show how these areas are interconnected to identify today's challenges. To register, contact Conference

All 50 of the states and the District of Columbia now have their own "recovery" sites where citizens can track where ARRA dollars are being spent in their respective states. The states are charged with ensuring accountability and transparency in how the funds are spent and their Web sites show the projects being funded and the amount of ARRA funds allocated. For links to each of the state and District

The Third Annual Conference on Global Preparedness is set for Dec. 8-10 at the Melbourne Hilton Rialto Place in Melbourne, Fla. The event is hosted by the Florida Institute of Technology's Global Center for Preparedness. This year's event will feature speakers: Kay

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opportunities.

Duval, **Florida**, schools are taking their stimulus dollars to the people. They have launched a Web site asking residents how they think the \$43.7 million from the Recovery Act should be spent. The district has developed a survey asking the parents and stakeholders to Some \$42 million in stimulus funds is headed to American Indian tribes in the Dakotas. **South Dakota's** Oglala Sioux Tribe will garner \$14.7 million and the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe is getting \$1.8 million for water projects. Three Affiliated Tribes in **North** 

opportunities for 15 years.

Engineers reports that \$9.3 million is being spent on dike repair while \$1.4 million is being spent on structural analysis of navigational floodgates in Lafourche and another \$151,000 is allocated for modeling for the Morganza to the Gulf Project.

The Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government in **Florida** plans to participate in a low-interest bond program under the Recovery Act to fund an additional \$7.4 million in projects it would have had to use conventional bonds and short-term financing. The city wants to Northwest will be allocated \$821,000 to build a taxiway that will also serve as an alternate landing surface while \$338,000 is headed to

will reimburse the costs of repairing more then 28,000 water leaks throughout the East Bank of New Orleans following the storm. This funding will allow for the removal of water meters at vacant properties and repair of broken water meters at occupied homes, placing flow meters on the water system's six major trunks and on major feeder lines that provide drinking water to New Orleans East and the Lower Ninth Ward to help locate areas of greatest water loss and funding reusable sensors to identify leaks within one foot of their

The water distribution system in New Orleans, **Louisiana**, will continue to be restored to its pre-Hurricane Katrina operating levels thanks to \$16.9 million in funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Louisiana Recovery Authority. The money

Florida libraries to add more technology A total of 150 new Netbook computers would be added at public libraries in the Leon County, Florida, Public Library System through a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. The more than \$83,000 in grant funds will allow more citizens to access today's technology. The increase in computers, according to library officials, will almost double the library's 400,000 computer users each year. EPA awards more than \$290,000 to Pueblo of Acoma The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has awarded \$291,769 to the Pueblo of Acoma in New Mexico to provide continued support

for their water pollution control program. Surface water sampling will continue and data obtained after water sampling will determine whether water quality needs of the Pueblo are being met, note any changes in the quality or condition of the Pueblo's water and

The likely new owners of Remington Park in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, are planning \$12 million in upgrades and renovations at the horse race track over the next several years. Flat-screen TVs will be added and corporate boxes are due for renovations. Either new or updated gaming machines will be added at the casino. Carpet in high-traffic areas will be replaced, the air conditioning system will be

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