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Vendors and service providers with energy solutions should watch carefully over the next few weeks as funding flows to communities throughout the country for energy-related initiatives.

The federal government has made \$22 billion available for energy-related projects that improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Every state and every region is eligible for millions of dollars. The funding comes from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant

program (EECBG) and projects that qualify will resemble the

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Energy grid projects due for \$3.4 billion investment

Florida among big winners in allocations throughout country

The largest single energy grid modernization investment in the country's history - \$3.4 billion - was announced this week in Florida, as President Barack Obama touted funding for a plethora of technologies aimed at making the nation's electric grid stronger and more reliable. The grants, part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), will be matched by industry to provide an investment of more than \$8 billion.

Florida was among the big winners for this funding. Among the recipients are a \$48 million project funded with \$20 million in ARRA funds in Lakeland, Florida, where Lakeland Electric will install a more than 125,000 smart meters network for residential, commercial and industrial electric customers across the utility's service area. In Quincy, Florida, recovery funds of \$8.1 million will be part of a total of \$16.2 million for the Talquin Electric Cooperative to install a smart meter network system for 56,000 residential and commercial customers in a mainly rural, four-county service area in North Florida. The coop will also integrate an outage management system and geographic information as part of the Smart Grid. The City of Tallahassee will get \$8.8 million in ARRA funds toward its \$17.7 million project to implement a comprehensive demand response program, including smart thermostats and advanced load control systems, that will target residential and commercial customers. Florida Power and Light Company will garner \$200 million in stimulus funds toward its \$578 million Energy Smart Florida program - a comprehensive project to advance implementation of the Smart Grid, including installing more than 2.6 million smart meters, 9,000 intelligent distribution devices, 45 phasors and advanced monitoring equipment in more than 270 substations.

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District in California was awarded \$127.5 million in recovery funds toward its \$307 million plan to install a comprehensive regional smart grid system from transmission to the customer that includes 600,000 smart meters, dynamic pricing, 100 electric vehicle charging stations and 50,000 demand response controls including programmable smart thermostats and home energy management systems.

CenterPoint Energy in Houston was awarded \$200 million toward its \$639 million project of completing the installation of 2.2 million smart meters and to further strengthen the reliability and self-healing properties of the grid by installing more than 550 sensors and automated switches that will help protect against system disturbances like natural disasters.

To view the complete list of funding recipients and an explanation of their projects, click HERE and look under "Recent Reports."

For information about these and other funding opportunities, contact Reagan Weil or Richard Hartmann at 512-531-3900.

DOE and NREL announce Open PV Mapping Project

Largest installation database of installation data in the U.S.

This week marked the beta release of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and U.S. Department of Energy's Open PV Mapping Project. The project, a collaborative among government, industry and the public, is the largest installation database of photovoltaic (PV) installation data for the United States.

The database has more than 50,000 entries and will be a Web-based resource for users to see the current status and past progress of the PV industry. Users will be allowed to add their own PV installation data, view data entered by others and view statistics. To access the Open PV Mapping Project, click HERE.

What the states are doing

Projects will be awarded as early as this week from the Tampa, **Florida**, Department of Housing Authority's \$10.5 million in federal stimulus funds. The money will go to local agencies for such items as new floors, new roofing, bathroom upgrades and other improvements. Some \$2 million of the award will pay for rebuilding of the Moses White Estates, a 70-unit housing complex that was demolished a decade ago.

Students in **Tennessee** will be able to take advantage of classes online through the state's online school, e4TN, after the program will share in \$6 million in stimulus funds being handed out in the state. Districts can buy their own software or use that provided by the

state.

Energy efficiency projects in Calhoun County, **Texas**, will be paid for after the county receives \$75,000 in funding from an Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funded by the Recovery Act. The county qualified for the funds and must not apply for the money. The funding can be used for a variety of projects, including replacing old air conditioners with more energy efficient ones, set timers on lights in government buildings and more.

Amesbury and North Reading, Massachusetts, are sharing in the more than three-quarters of a million dollars in stimulus funds and U.S. clean Water Act funds being administered by the U.S. Department of Environmental Protection. The funds will be used to conduct pollution assessment and planning work to improve water quality. Amesbury will receive \$46,000 and North Reading is in line for \$26,000 to address water quality issues and reduce pollution.

Water meters will be installed in the Sacramento, **California**, area using recovery act funding being distributed for projects statewide. The funds will be distributed by the Water Resources Control Board and the Department of Public Health. Sacramento has claimed \$20 million to help with its state-mandated water meter retrofit program. Other California cities receiving funds for retrofits include: Woodland, \$14.8 million; Golden State Water Co. (Rancho Cordova area), \$9 million; South Lake Tahoe, \$4.4 million; Yuba City, \$3.5 million; east Walnut Grove, \$282,000; and Hood, \$142,000. The grants will also fund a \$3.6 million sewer lift station in Colfax, a \$3 million watershed improvement project in Kings Beach, \$16 million in wastewater treatment upgrades in Live Oak, Sutter County, and \$54 million for wastewater treatment upgrades in Linda, Yuba County.

The cities of Milwaukee and Madison, Wisconsin, will share \$10 million in funding with 14 other cities nationwide after being named as a Solar American City. The funding will be used to expand their solar initiatives with Recovery Act funding administered by the U.S. Department of Energy. Another \$3.3 million in funding will be made available to the Midwest Renewable Energy Association for a Midwestern solar training initiative that will be a collaborative effort with technical and community colleges.

One million dollars of Recovery Act money will help fund a \$4.9 million project in Tampa, **Florida**, to expand the streetcar line between the Tampa Convention Center and the downtown area. Crews are currently relocating water, sewer and electrical lines to make way for a single set of tracks and a short passing lane. Federal grant funds also will be use on the project.

Officials in Atlanta, Georgia, will apply for Recovery Act funds to help pay for approximately 500 surveillance cameras to monitor select areas around the city 24/7. The cost of the proposed project is approximately \$13.7 million. The city's application for funds says both private and public organizations could tie their surveillance cameras into the network. Funding is being sought from the Recovery Act's \$4.7 billion being made available through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

The \$22 million ferry and Great Lakes cruise-ship terminal in **Michigan** will get a \$7.1 million boost from the Recovery Act for its new passenger terminal and public dock on the Detroit River. The project also will include a 200 X 25-foot offshore wharf serving cruise ships, ferries and water taxis.

Salt Lake City, **Utah**, is in line for hundreds of thousands of dollars in federal recovery funds after being named a Solar American City and a qualifier for grant funds. The money will be used to reduce regulatory barriers in the way of solar development and to create financing mechanisms to encourage large-scaled solar energy installations.

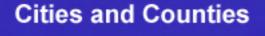
California's Oakland International Airport is the recipient of an additional \$2 million in stimulus funding that will be used to continue pavement projects at the facility. The areas between the gates and the runway will be replaced with concrete pavement as well as continue work on the east apron and near the cargo areas. This round of funding means a total of \$14.9 million in stimulus funds have been awarded to the airport.

Energy efficiency projects in 65 communities in **New Jersey** will share \$44 million in Recovery Act funds for energy efficiency projects. One of the projects includes exploring offshore wind power capabilities.

Nearly 120 bridges in Loudon County, Virginia, will get upgrades after stimulus funds were awarded to the county. The county will spend \$175 million for new roadways, \$146.4 million in repaving projects, \$117.8 million on street projects and \$100.6 million on bridges. Another \$61.7 million will be spent on its rail network and \$20.8 million on enhancement projects.

Projects in Irondequoit, **New York**, will use \$400,000 in stimulus funds to reduce energy consumption and create a new deputy commissioner of public works for sustainability. Some of the projects include replacing computers, installing energy-efficient heat pumps, recycling asphalt and installing high-efficiency exterior lamps at McAvoy Park.

A variety of transportation projects in **Massachusetts** will be funded by \$166 million in stimulus money recently announced. The 33 projects funded include \$12.5 million for Route 9 resurfacing from Framingham east to the Natick-Wellesley line, \$7.9 million for Nonantum Road safety reconstruction, \$3.6 million for a connector to the Minuteman Bike Path and \$7.5 million in improvements to Worcester's Canal District.



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Non-stimulus opportunities

Building projects at **Tennessee** colleges are booming as new classrooms, dorms and student centers are being funded. A \$77 million student center will be built at Middle Tennessee State University as well as a nearly \$30 million College of Education facility. Lipscomb University is planning a \$4 million classroom complex while Belmont is planning a \$30 million health sciences building. Vanderbilt University is building a \$41 million parking garage. Tennessee State will get a new \$3.2 million indoor practice field for its football team.

A \$17 million road widening project in Strongsville, **Ohio**, is drawing on a number of funding sources to transform 6,200 feet of Pearl Road from two lanes to five, including a turning lane. Bids are expected to be sought next month.

Construction projects totaling \$65.5 million were recently approved by the Orange County Great Park Board in California to develop

land that will include a variety of venues, including a sports park, art and exhibition buildings, agricultural pavilion, community farm and a farmer's market. The project will add on to the current 27-acre Preview Park. Approval has been given for three lighted soccer fields, a bike trail, renovation of buildings near the arts and culture exhibition space, a 100-acre working farm and orange orchard, an upscale roadside farm stand as part of the ag pavilion, a 1.5-acre community garden, a picnic area, transportation, access and parking improvements, new infrastructure for recycled water and electric power and design of a lake to serve as a reservoir for irrigating the park.

Voters in Salt Lake City, **Utah**, will decide the fate next week of a \$125 million bond issue to replace existing police, fire and dispatcher facilities with a new public safety headquarters. If passed, the bond would provide for two buildings, one to serve administration and operations and the other to serve as an emergency command center for dispatchers.

In Lake Wales, Florida, a new \$2 million adult day care center has been funded by the county commission. The facility will provide a day center where the elderly, Alzheimer's patients or adults with disabilities can go while their caretakers are at work during the day. Officials anticipate a 17,000-square-foot facility with a capacity of 75.

Covington, **Kentucky**, officials plan to push for expansion of the city's convention center and funding from the state legislature when it meets in January. The proposed expansion would carry a price tag of \$51 million, \$35 million of which would be for construction of the building. The project includes a second ballroom and 22 additional meeting rooms.

Self-contained breathing units and a mobile high-pressure air system used to fill empty breathing tanks will be purchased by the Bernalillo, New Mexico, fire department with \$815,000 in grant funds. The funds are being made available by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Also planned for purchase is a Geographic Information System to consolidate the department's communications and information systems.

Officials in Franklin, **Tennessee**, have approved spending nearly \$850,000 for digital radio dispatch work stations at the new police headquarters. Additionally, the city's 9-1-1 phone system will be upgraded at a cost of more than \$601,000. The project includes a switch from analog to digital equipment.

Other national news

Tribes awarded EPA funding for water programs

Two American Indian tribes - the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma and the Cherokee Nation have been awarded funding from the from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for continued support for their water pollution control program. The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma has been awarded \$82,761 and the Cherokee Nation has been awarded \$300,000. The funds will provide for surface water sampling on Tribal lands to continue to determine if a more thorough watershed management program is needed to develop water quality standards. Data analysis after water sampling will determine if Tribal water for both Tribes' quality needs are being met, note any changes in the quality or condition of the Tribe's water and understand and define the function and health of water stream ecosystems.

Colorado OKs use of lease-to-own solar power systems

Colorado residents, with the help of the state legislature, can now sign up for lease-to-own solar power systems. The expense of owning a system outright was prohibitive for many Colorado residents, but now that legislation passed allowing third-party companies to own and operate solar power systems on residential rooftops, residents are finding the switch to renewable energy more economical.

A San Francisco-based company recently became the first to offer third-party leasing options for the residential solar market in Colorado. A modest increase in the long-term lease amount is expected each year, but with a projected increase in local utility costs, the solar lease agreement is expected to save more money. The systems are leased from the company and are eligible for local rebates and tax incentives.

Businesses in Colorado were already able to have lease-to-own solar panels. The new legislation now allows homeowners that same option. The company leasing the systems already is reporting a backlog of would-be customers. The company assumes liability, insurance and maintenance of the systems it leases. If the homes are sold, the lease agreement can either be transferred to the new homeowner or the new homeowner can buy out the remainder of the agreement.

DHS grant funds to be used to support SeaHawk security initiative

The State of South Carolina has inked an agreement with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to use \$800,000 in homeland security grant funds during the current fiscal year in support of state and local law enforcement personnel stationed at the U. S. Coast Guard-led SeaHawk security initiative. SeaHawk operates out of the Port of Charleston.

SeaHawk recently underwent the final steps in a coordinated reprogramming of State Homeland Security Grant Program funding originally awarded to South Carolina over the summer. The funding will support state and local law enforcement personnel critical to SeaHawk's mission.

Involved in SeaHawk are the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, the Coast Guard, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. SeaHawk is a collaborative initiative designed to bring federal, state and local agencies together to combat terrorism and other criminal activity by sharing information and coordinating response and interdiction efforts. Formerly under the U.S. Department of Justice, SeaHawk was recently transferred to DHS.

Arkansas lands \$639,000 for storage tank cleanup, response

The Environmental Protection Agency has awarded \$638,269 to the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality to assist in investigations, emergency responses, cleanup, risk management, alternative water supplies and relocation of residents where leaks from underground storage tanks have occurred and the responsible party is unknown, is unwilling or unable to respond.

DOE seeks to expand wind projects for school activities

Requests for proposals to expand Wind Powering America's Wind for Schools activities are being sought by the U.S. Department of Energy Wind and Hydropower Technologies Program and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. The program is looking to expand to three to six additional states. The Wind for Schools projects addresses the industry's need for skilled workers in wind energy while supporting additional development and application of wind technologies through educational programs in primary and secondary schools and higher education.

Available funds will be used by universities, state institutions and non-governmental organizations to develop educational programs to help promote wind technology and implement a successful Wind for Schools model. The program seeks to educate engineers in wind applications analysis and development by establishing Wind Application Centers at higher education facilities in wind-rich states. Secondly, the program seeks to educate students in K-12 schools regarding wind energy. This can be accomplished by installing small wind turbines at those schools and assisting in developing supporting curriculum and includes outreach, school support and teacher training workshops.

The Wind for Schools project has a strong focus in rural areas because that is where most wind development is likely to occur. Final proposals are due November 20. Projects are expected to begin in fiscal year 2010 and last for approximately three years. DOE expects to contribute up to approximately \$60,000 per selected activity per year.

EPA awards more than \$130,000 to the Peoria Tribe of Indians

The Environmental Protection Agency has awarded \$133,238 to the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to identify and provide evidence of the availability and sustainability of renewable energy resources and to provide outreach to Tribal members and the Peoria Tribe Governing Board through the Tribal newspaper. The Tribe will also identify and list air pollution sources impacting Tribal lands.

Calendar of events

National Brownfields conference slated Nov. 16-18

The 13th National Brownfields Conference has been scheduled for Nov. 16-18 at New Orleans' Ernest N. Morial Convention 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 New Orleans are also included. The National Brownfields Conference is managed by the International City/County Management Association, in partnership with EPA. For more information and to register, click <u>HERE</u>.

Conference on Global Preparedness set in December

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 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. Presentations will show how these areas are interconnected to identify today's challenges. To register, contact Conference Administration at (321) 674-8342 or email cgpinfo@fit.edu. For more information, click HERE.

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All 50 states have own recovery Web sites

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 of Columbia recovery Web sites, <u>HERE</u>.



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