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Details of the ARRA Energy Efficiency and Conservation Projects are listed below. If you are interested in having SPI point you to specific opportunities, contact Reagan Weil at 512.531.3900.

IDAHO - \$9,593,500 awarded

Idaho will use its Recovery Act EECBG funding to improve energy efficiency of local communities throughout the state. The majority of the state's EECBG funding will provide subgrants to city and county governments to undertake a wide variety of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects, including energy audits, buildings and transportation efficiency programs, and installations of renewable energy technologies on government buildings. The state's Office of Energy Resources, which will administer the program, will collaborate with the Association of Idaho Counties and the Idaho Association of Cities to establish procedures for selecting projects and ensuring accountability. The state will also use a portion of today's award to help cities and counties adopt the 2009 International Energy Conservation Code. Specifically, the state will award scholarships to code enforcement officials to receive training and provide grants to cities and counties to support code adoption and enforcement. Idaho's Recovery Act-funded projects will lead to substantial energy and cost savings, and save or create more than 100 green jobs statewide.

NEVADA - \$9,593,500 awarded

Nevada will use its Recovery Act EECBG funding to undertake a variety of projects to enhance energy efficiency and expand the use of renewable energy statewide. These projects will reduce the state's energy consumption and fossil fuel emissions, saving Nevadans money in energy costs and creating green jobs across the state. Sixty percent of the funds Nevada receives today will go to local governments to implement community efficiency projects. EECBG funds will also allow Nevada to retrofit 200 emergency vehicles throughout the state with idle-reduction technologies, which will lower fossil fuel emissions. Remaining Recovery Act funds will be used to install energy management systems in state buildings, replace inefficient traffic signals and street lighting throughout rural Nevada, and provide energy management training for government officials.

NEW JERSEY - \$14,400,700 awarded

New Jersey will use its Recovery Act EECBG funding to deploy programs and projects that will reduce fossil fuel emissions, decrease overall energy use, and improve energy efficiency at the state and local level. These Recovery Act-funded activities will directly support the policies set forth by the state's Global Warming Response Act and the 2008 Energy Master Plan. The New Jersey State Energy Office, which will administer the funding, will pass along more than 70% of its funds to cities and counties that were not eligible for direct EECBG awards. Local governments will be able to use these subgrants to cover the cost of improving the energy efficiency of existing municipal buildings. The state will also use its EECBG funding to perform retrofits of state facilities. Projects will be selected from a pool of approximately 200 facilities based on several criteria, including potential savings in energy costs, amount of reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, number of jobs to be created, and ability to commit funds in a timely manner. As a result of today's Recovery Act award, New Jersey expects to substantially lower its energy use and fossil fuel emissions, as well as save or create more than 150 green jobs.

OREGON - \$9,593,500 awarded

Oregon will use its Recovery Act EECBG funding to reduce total energy use in the state by deploying energy-efficiency and renewable-energy projects in the building, institutional, commercial, transportation, and public sectors. The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) will provide at least 60% of the state's EECBG funding for cities and counties to establish efficiency and conservation projects in their communities. ODOE will assist in prioritizing funding and will provide local governments access to technical consultants to help in implementing their programs. In addition, ODOE will facilitate the development of community energy plans and collaborate with various stakeholders to make recommendations for enhancing the state energy code. With the remaining Recovery Act funds, the Oregon Department of Transportation will sponsor several exemplary solar transportation projects.

PUERTO RICO - \$9,593,500 awarded

Puerto Rico will use its Recovery Act EECBG funding to evaluate and implement efficiency and conservation opportunities throughout the commonwealth. Funds will go to promoting community development and public education programs that create local green jobs. Puerto Rico's Energy Affairs Administration (EIA) will administer the Recovery Act funding and will pass along the majority of the funding to the commonwealth's 37 municipalities that were not eligible for direct EECBG grants. These awards will help local governments optimize energy use in buildings, which will reduce energy costs for local communities. Competitively awarded funding will also be available to nonprofit organizations for energy efficient retrofits.

Puerto Rico will use additional EECBG funds to improve the energy efficiency of its own facilities. Projects will be selected with consideration for their historical importance, as well as their ability to deliver a significant return on efficiency investments. EIA will use the remaining funds for planning, oversight, quality assurance, and other tasks needed to effectively administer these Recovery Act funds.

SOUTH DAKOTA - \$9,593,500 awarded

South Dakota will use its Recovery Act EECBG funding to enhance the energy efficiency of the state's building structures and to progress toward an overall goal of reducing 1990 levels of energy consumption by 25% by 2012. The State Energy Office will competitively distribute 60% of the funding to local governments using measures such as payback periods on the improvements, energy savings, job creation, long term sustainability of the project, maximum benefit to the community, and local financial participation. The remaining 40% of the state's funding will provide the capital for a competitive loan and grant program open to public and private entities, K-12 schools, non-profit organizations benefiting the community, and any local governmental projects not previously funded. Approximately 75% of this funding will be distributed in the form of zero-interest loans. The state's EECBG funding will lower greenhouse gas emissions, reduce energy use, and save or create over 100 full-time jobs.

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS - \$9,593,500 awarded

The U.S. Virgin Islands will use its Recovery Act EECBG funding to sponsor a variety of projects to reduce energy costs, improve the efficiency of energy use and production, increase fuel diversity and reliability, and promote clean energy on the islands. The Virgin Islands Energy Office, which will administer these funds, will use a portion of the funding to purchase and install a renewable landfill-gas-to-energy treatment system. The territory will also put funding towards reconfiguring the Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority's transmission and distribution system. This project will allow excess power loads to be transferred to more efficient feeders on the grid, thereby increasing savings to all ratepayers. The territory's remaining Recovery Act funds will pay for upgrades to lighting fixtures on streets, at schools, and at bus shelters; technical assistance; and the purchase and installation of three 275 kW class 3 wind turbines and a 100 kW solar photovoltaic panel system to supplement power for the government-operated airport on the island of St. Croix. Projects funded with today's award will lead to substantial energy and cost savings, increase the U.S. Virgin Islands' energy security, and reduce fossil fuel emissions, while creating green jobs across the territory.

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