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Details of the ARRA Maine, Florida energy efficiency awards are listed below. If you are interested in having SPI point you to specific opportunities, contact Reagan Weil at 512.531.3900.

FLORIDA - \$30,401,600 awarded

Florida will use its EECBG funding to promote energy efficiency across the state, including competitive grants to local cities and counties, energy retrofits for existing state buildings, rebates for plug-in electric vehicles, and education and training initiatives that will help reduce energy use and save money statewide. In addition to awards to smaller cities and counties, Recovery Act funding will help support the Sunshine State Building Initiative, which will fund the installation of a variety of energy conservation measures at existing state buildings. This will reduce energy bills for tax payers, while helping the state meet its goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 10% by 2012.

The state will also establish a program to provide rebates for the purchase of hybrid plug-in electric conversion kits for residential vehicles and commercial fleets. Converted vehicles will be six times more fuel efficient than standard gasoline cars, achieving roughly 100 miles per gallon and reducing oil consumption by up to 70% compared to conventional gasoline vehicles. Additional EECBG funds will be used for a variety of education and outreach initiatives, including energy code training, programs to improve energy code compliance and effectiveness measurement, and education efforts. These programs will create hundreds of green jobs across the Sunshine State.

MAINE - \$9,593,500 awarded

Maine will use its Recovery Act EECBG funds to promote the development of clean and sustainable energy infrastructure, laying the groundwork for a more prosperous economy while saving or creating more than 100 green jobs in the state. Approximately 60% of the state's funds will be competitively awarded to local cities and counties for energy saving projects, such as financial incentive programs, energy efficiency retrofits, transportation programs, energy distribution measures, and the installation of renewable energy technologies on government buildings.

The remaining EECBG funds will be combined with Recovery Act funding from the State Energy Program to support the Large Project Impact Fund that will provide grants for large-scale commercial projects. Eligible activities for these awards will include improved insulation, air sealing, efficiency improvements in heating sources and distribution, efficiency controls and automation, efficiency upgrades in glazing, and other proven cost-effective measures.

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