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**PATT-MCDANIEL AND SHANAHAN ANNOUNCE  
ARRA STATE ENERGY PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY**  
*\$8 million in Recovery Act Energy Efficiency  
Resources Mobilized in Ohio*

**COLUMBUS** – Lisa Patt-McDaniel, Director of the Ohio Department of Development, and Mark Shanahan, Energy Advisor to Governor Ted Strickland, today announced that the Department's Ohio Energy Resources Division is accepting applications for \$8 million in funding available through the *Making Efficiency Work* grant program. This opportunity is the third request for proposal involving the State Energy Program, funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

"Ohio is fortunate to receive these funds, which will help accelerate the use of energy efficiency practices in Ohio and create jobs," Patt-McDaniel said. "Ohio has already taken a lead role in energy efficiency, and increased use of these measures across the state will bring long-term benefits to our businesses, families, and environment."

The grant program is part of \$96 million allocated to Ohio through the ARRA Act State Energy Program. It fulfills the state's goals to accelerate Ohio's strategic investment in the advanced energy industries through greater deployment of renewable energy and energy efficient technologies in Ohio, increase job preservation and creation, and enhance energy efficiency for Ohioans impacted by current economic conditions.

"This program will create more sustainable environments for Ohioans at home and work, while creating jobs and opportunities for business growth," Shanahan said. "We encourage Ohioans to apply for projects that will make their buildings more energy efficient, resulting in dollars saved and cleaner air."

*Making Efficiency Work* seeks eligible applicants for energy efficiency improvements in multi-family, commercial, and institutional buildings located in Ohio. Eligible activities include the installation of energy efficiency equipment and measures, including more energy efficient lighting such as LED and day-lighting techniques, HVAC upgrades, weather sealing, more energy-efficient windows and doors, ENERGY STAR appliances, and geothermal heat pumps. Funding is also available for energy audits and commissioning projects that result in energy efficiency upgrades within 12 months and exceed energy code pilot projects within existing buildings.

Awards will be selected through a competitive process and will range between \$125,000 and \$1 million. All eligible projects must be located within the State of Ohio, include a match investment of a minimum of 50 percent of total costs, project completion within 12 months, and provide a direct economic impact to Ohio by creating and retaining jobs.

The application process involves two steps for interested applicants:

- Submit a one-page project summary no later than 3:00 p.m. on April 23, 2010, at

<http://recovery.ohio.gov/opportunities/state/>. If you have already submitted a summary, you will not be required to submit again. To submit forms on the Web site, applicants should click “submit your proposal” then choose the program category “Energy and Environment” and the subprogram “State Energy Program.” Only projects that have submitted initial summaries to [www.recovery.ohio.gov](http://www.recovery.ohio.gov) will be considered for formal proposals in response to this request.

- Submit a complete application which addresses all requirements outlined in the Request for Proposal to the Ohio Energy Resources Division by 3 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2010.

For more information about the *Making Efficiency Work* grant program and requirements, please visit: <http://www.development.ohio.gov/recovery/energy/FundingOpportunities.htm>.

*Working with our partners across business, state and local governments, academia, and the nonprofit sector, the **Ohio Department of Development** works to attract, create, grow, and retain businesses through competitive incentives and targeted investments. Engaged every day in marketing, deal-making, innovating, investing, and collaborating, the **Ohio Department of Development** works at the speed of business to accelerate and support the teamwork that is absolutely necessary for success by providing financial, informational, and technical assistance to those making an investment in Ohio's future.*

*The **Ohio Energy Resources Division** works to grow the economy of the state by connecting companies and communities to financial and technical resources in order to deploy renewable energy technologies and energy efficiency.*

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