



The Secretary of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585 ✓
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The Honorable Christine Gregorie
Governor of Washington
Olympia, Washington 98504-0002

Dear Governor Gregorie:

President Obama and the United States Congress have set us on a bold course to meet our economic, energy and environmental challenges. The U.S. Department of Energy is playing a central role in the effort to put Americans back to work while building the foundation of a clean energy economy through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act).

As a result of the Recovery Act, the Department is moving to: rapidly accelerate renewable energy; make homes and business and government buildings more energy efficient; modernize our electric grid; develop advanced biofuels and carbon storage technology; and strengthen America's leadership in groundbreaking scientific research. To advance this critical work, the Recovery Act gives the Department responsibility for \$32.7 billion for grants and contracts, and \$6 billion to leverage \$60 billion in new loan guarantees.

The Department has moved diligently and swiftly, and as of May 18, we have initiated activities to enable Recovery Act funds of \$30.4 billion to begin to make their way to recipients through existing contracts, competitive solicitations, and grants to State, local, and Tribal authorities.

As a result of these activities, Washington will receive the benefits of \$2,281,023,974 across the following areas: Weatherization (\$59,545,074), State Energy Program (\$60,944,000), Energy Efficiency Community Block Grants (\$56,099,900), Science (\$123,900,000), Environmental Management (\$1,960,535,000), and Carbon Capture and Storage projects (\$20,000,000). Organizations and companies will be eligible for competitive portions of other grants as well.

With this tremendous opportunity comes a great responsibility. The President and I are committed to administer Recovery Act funding with an unprecedented level of transparency and accountability. Please track our progress at www.energy.gov/recovery.

I look forward to working with you to turn our energy and environmental challenges into opportunities for all Americans and to create a clean, affordable energy future for our children.

Sincerely,

Steven Chu

