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## Green Power

### **Homeowners 'support green energy'**

Most homeowners would consider installing green energy systems such as solar panels or small wind turbines if they were paid enough cash, according to a new study.

A survey of over 2,100 adults showed that seven out of 10 would consider fitting micro-generation schemes if so-called feed in tariffs were generous enough.

Friends of the Earth, the Renewable Energy Association (REA) and the Co-operative Group, which commissioned the study, said the findings showed the Government's plans to pay homes and businesses to generate green electricity were not ambitious enough. [Read more](#). Source: *The Press Association*, 1/26/10

### **Kohl's power is 100% green**

Kohl's said its purchase of nearly 1.4 billion kilowatt-hours of green energy will cover all of its electricity needs for the year.

Green power is electricity generated from renewable resources such as wind and solar that produce a net zero increase in carbon dioxide emissions.

"Starting 2010 at 100 percent green power helps reduce our carbon footprint and brings us another step closer to achieving our goal of reaching net zero greenhouse gas emissions by the end of this year," said Ken Bonning, Kohl's executive vice president of store planning and logistics.

Kohl's generates solar power on-site at nearly 80 locations in six states, with solar providing 20 to 50 percent of a location's energy. At stores built according to Kohl's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)-certified prototype, up to 35 percent of the 100 percent green power is generated by landfill gas in partnership with

Waste Management. The retailer also purchases power from wind farm projects in Texas and the Dakotas. *Source: Home Textiles Today, 1/26/10*

## ***EERE Program News for January 2010***

The latest edition of the [EERE Program News](#) is now available. Check out the following features:

### **News**

- Google seeks new role as electricity middleman
- DOE to invest \$366M in energy innovation hubs
- Builders focus on homes requiring little energy
- Recovery in action: Energy squads in the Twin Cities
- Web site lets New Yorkers choose wind, hydro in three clicks
- Online tool calculates your home's solar, wind potential

### **Features**

- Colleges learning how to promote sustainable energy
- Green classes thriving
- Interactive maps point to clean tech jobs, candidates
- Campus facilities opt for renewables, energy reduction

*Source: U.S. DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, 1/26/10*

## ***Green Power Usage Edged Higher in 2009 among EPA Partners***

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's top 10 Green Power Partners increased their voluntary green power commitments by more than 1.5 billion kilowatt-hours (kWh) in 2009, while 300 new organizations joined the Green Power Partnership. Overall, the 1,200 partners are buying nearly 18 billion kWh of green power annually, equivalent to the annual carbon dioxide emissions from electricity use of more than 1.6 million average American homes. [Read more](#). *Source: U.S. EPA Green Power Partnership, 1/25/10*

## ***Colorado tribes looking to ramp up renewable energy, too***

In recent days, the New Mexico-based Jemez Pueblo tribe has gotten plenty of ink for its plan to build "the first utility-scale solar plant on tribal land." Turns out two Colorado tribes—the Southern Utes and Ute Mountain Utes, both located in the southwestern corner of the state—are thinking along the same lines. [Read more](#). *Source: Westword, 1/19/10*

## ***Landfill Methane Awards: From Greenhouse Gas to Energy Source***

Eight landfill methane capture projects were recognized by the U.S. EPA Tuesday for innovation in generating renewable energy and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The winning organizations accepted their awards at EPA's 13th Annual Landfill Methane Outreach Program Conference and Project Expo in Baltimore. LMOP is a voluntary assistance and partnership program that reduces greenhouse gas emissions by supporting landfill gas energy project development. [Read more](#). Source: *Environmental News Services, 1/13/10*

## ***Sequim High School students voyage into world of renewable energy***

The forecast calls for green jobs, and Sequim is situated to grow its share.

The evidence is high on the roof of the general education building at Sequim High School under Sequim's famous "blue hole": 10 new solar panels that will generate power the school will sell back to the Clallam County Public Utility District grid. [Read more](#). Source: *Peninsula Daily News, 1/11/10*

## ***Counties look to wind power for energy, income***

The nation's increasing focus on renewable energy has sparked interest in wind energy projects throughout Minnesota and counties are taking notice.

One of the first to turn to wind as a form of alternative energy is Winona County in southeastern Minnesota, where officials plan to begin work soon on two wind turbines that could produce considerable electric power — and income for the county. [Read more](#). Source: *Minnesota Public Radio, 1/11/10*

## ***Mich.'s biomass rush sparks air quality, forest depletion worries***

A rush to meet new requirements for renewable energy has spurred plans for wood-burning power plants in Northern Michigan, but critics argue that a surge in wood-based generation could deplete the state's forests and generate hazardous air pollution.

Biomass, including wood, is considered a renewable energy source under Public Act 295 — the 2008 law that requires utilities to get 10 percent of their power from renewable sources by 2015. [Read more](#). Source: *The Michigan Messenger, 1/11/10*

## ***NM Utility to Refile Renewable Energy Plan***

Public Service Co. of New Mexico and environmental and energy groups have reached an agreement the utility says could lead to nearly 80 megawatts more of solar power — enough for 26,000 homes.

The agreement will be the basis for a renewable energy plan PNM will file with the state Public Regulation Commission by Jan. 25.

The PRC gave the state's largest utility extra time to spell out how it will incorporate renewable energy into its portfolio.

PNM, a subsidiary of PNM Resources Inc., asked for more time to address concerns raised by its filing last July, which included plans to scale back solar incentive programs for customers.

That triggered a backlash from the renewable energy industry.

State law requires electric utilities to generate 10 percent of their energy from renewable sources by 2011. *Source: ABC News, via Associated Press 1/8/10*

### **California firm opens new “green” brick factory in Caledonia**

Just before Christmas, the first new brick factory to open in Wisconsin in more than 50 years fired up its production line for the first time.

CalStar Products is now producing residential and commercial facing bricks, as well as paving bricks, in its 63,000-square-foot facility in Caledonia. The company began moving into the new facility last August, and is now preparing for full-scale production.

CalStar's bricks are the only bricks in the world produced from fly ash, a by-product of the coal power generation process. The company sources its fly ash from the nearby Wisconsin Energy Corp. coal plant in Oak Creek. [Read more](#). *Source: Biz Times, 1/11/10*

### **U.S. Reaffirms Commitment to ‘Fast Track’ Solar on Federal Land**

A week ago, the Federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) [reaffirmed its commitment](#) to keep 31 renewable energy projects on a “fast track process” through the permitting, public participation and — ultimately — commissioning stages. The bureau will focus on the most promising projects, with the aim of allowing some (if not all) of them to receive incentive funding under the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The deadline for ARRA funding is December 2010. [Read more](#). *Source: GetSolar, 1/5/10*

### **Robins Air Force Base Buys Green Energy**

Robins Air Force Base in Warner Robins has signed a two year contract with Georgia Power to purchase renewable energy.

The deal represents about 40 percent of the total green energy sold by the utility provider.

The program includes power generated from solar, landfill methane, and biomass.

Robins is mandated by the federal government to purchase five percent of what they consume from renewable sources.

The base is the largest industrial complex in the state and employs 25,000 people. *Source: GBP News & Public Affairs, 12/28/09*

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## Renewable Energy Technologies

### **See the Latest edition of North American Wind Power**

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  - Wanted: Stability In Restructured Electricity Markets  
Long-term contracts are necessary to encourage the development of renewable energy, because they provide investors with the confidence to deploy capital.
- **Project Profile**
  - Missouri's Native Son Building State's Largest Wind Project  
Tom Carnahan puts Missouri on the map with Lost Creek, a 150 MW project located in the northern part of the state.
- **Spotlight**
  - Proposition C's Outcome Will Affect Missouri's Wind Future  
The future of wind development in Missouri will be decided by the outcome of Proposition C, which was approved by voters in November.

[Read more](#). Source: *North American Wind Power*, 1/27/10

### **Neal Hot Springs Geothermal Project by U.S. Geothermal**

U.S. Geothermal develops geothermal energy resources for producing electricity for direct use. A geothermal power plant is used for producing geothermal energy and it burns no fuel. The company has completed three different geothermal projects, namely, Neal Hot Springs, Raft River and San Emidio. The Neal Hot Springs geothermal project is located at eastern Oregon, nearly 90 miles northwest of Boise. [Read more](#). Source: *A to Z of Clean Tech*, 1/27/09

### **1.5 MW Solar Test plant opens in Arizona (New Prod. & Tech.)**

[Stirling Energy Systems](#) and [Tessera Solar](#) have started operations at the 1.5-MW Maricopa Solar Plant, a solar test plant just north of [Salt River Project](#) (SRP)'s Agua Fria Generating Station in Peoria, Arizona. The companies are looking to start development on significantly larger facilities in California and Texas by the end of the year. SRP is partnering with the two companies and will purchase the power from the test facility. (Source: *Phoenix Business Journal*, January 23, 2010)

Contact: [Bob Lukefahr](#), CEO, Tessera Solar – North America, 713-554-8484; or Derek Lim Soo, VP Business Development, Stirling Energy Systems, 602-957-1818. Source: *EP Overviews*, 1/27/10

### **Is Biomass the Brave New World of Energy?**

It was an idea hatched in algae. Now its creators believe it could grow into a better way to power the West, and possibly beyond.

First things first, the scientists at Whitefish-based Algae Aqua-Culture Technologies (AACT) must put their idea into action and test its efficiency. And they have found a willing partner in the F.H. Stoltze Land and Lumber Co. of Columbia Falls. [Read more](#). *Source: Flathead Beacon, 1/26/10*

## ***AWEA's WindLetter for January***

The monthly newsletter of the American Wind Energy Association is now available. Here are some of the highlights:

### **AWEA Legislative Outlook: Battle on the Hill, Part 2**

Sound policy coming out of Washington gave the wind industry a shot in the arm in 2009, setting the stage for more action in 2010 that wind advocates hope will stabilize the mid- and long-term landscape.

Plus:

- Small Wind Column
- Wind Energy News Recap
- Project Recap
- AWEA Events
- News from AWEA

[Subscribe today](#). *Source: American Wind Energy Association, 1/27/10*

## ***Company to cut power to 15 communities in 2013***

In late spring, 100 turbines at the state's fourth wind farm in northwest Missouri will start going online, almost doubling the output of the other three farms combined.

The electricity will flow across the grid to the customers of Springfieldbased Associated Electric Cooperative Inc., which serves 51 cooperatives across rural Missouri, Iowa and Oklahoma. [Read more](#). *Source: Springfield News Tribune, 1/26/10*

## ***Geothermal industry expects to treble in USA over coming years***

The US geothermal industry will have 10 GW of installed capacity that will provide electricity to 10 million people in 14 states, and still have tremendous potential for growth, according to the industry lobby group.

Geothermal energy is the largest renewable energy power source in the state of California, but the technology has total installed capacity of 3153 MW across the USA with facilities in Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. Another 6443 MW of new geothermal power capacity is under development in those states as well as Oregon, Colorado, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi. [Read more](#). *Source: Renewable Energy Focus, 1/26/10*

## ***Green Energy Live turning Manure into Money***

"Manure Use for Fertilizer and for Energy" report issued by the Department of Agriculture found that livestock production has shifted to much larger operations which consolidate large quantities of manure in limited geographic areas. Manure nutrients produced on many large livestock operations exceed the capacity of the farm's crops to absorb them. Excess nutrients can lead to water and air pollution. [Read more](#). Source: *Earth Times*, 1/20/10

### **Colo. entities receive funds to develop biofuels**

Colorado labs, universities and businesses — including the National Renewable Energy Laboratory and Solix Bio fuels Inc. — are part of two consortiums awarded \$78 million in federal funding to develop biofuels.

The stimulus-fund grants were made Wednesday by the Department of Energy.

Solix and Colorado State University are part of a group, led by the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, using \$44 million to focus on algae- to-oil technology.

Solix has an algae-to-oil pilot plant on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation near Durango.

A second group led by Golden-based NREL and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory will use a \$33.8 million grant to research the development of infrastructure compatible with biomass-based hydrocarbon fuels. [Read more](#). Source: *Denver Post*, 1/14/10

### **Family gets first personal carbon credit (\$21.50) for saving energy**

Paying people to save energy may be an idea whose time has come. In the last week alone, *Green House* has seen this idea pop up twice: a California state panel proposing to pay residents who use less energy and a Pennsylvania couple getting a unique carbon credit for lowering its utility bill.

How much money are we talking? The California proposal, if it gets approved, could amount to more than \$1,000 annually for a family of four. [Read more](#). Source: *USA Today*, 1/13/10

### **Renewable energy manufacturers get \$2.3bn boost**

More than 180 projects have been chosen to receive \$2.3 billion in Recovery Act Advanced Energy Manufacturing Tax Credits for clean energy manufacturing projects and jobs, according to the White House.

The tax credits are being awarded to 183 manufacturers that will produce solar, wind and geothermal energy equipment, fuel cells, microturbines, smart grid technologies, and carbon capture and sequestration equipment. The projects must be placed into service by 2014, but around one-third of them will be completed in 2010.

The credits are meant to drive growth in the renewable energy and technology manufacturing sectors. They will fund up to 30 percent of a project and leverage \$7.7 billion in investments. Source: *Power Engineering International*, 1/8/10

### **NREL contract prompts Spire to make concentrator solar cell**

Solar technology equipment company Spire Corp. said that its wholly owned subsidiary, Spire Semiconductor LLC, has been awarded part of a Federal contract from the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy

Laboratory to help develop a solar concentrator chip. [Read more](#). Source: *Journal of New England Technology*, 1/12/10

## ***Solar research center may spur innovation, industry development in Oregon***

A newly created signature research center at Oregon State University may give Oregon the potential to become an international leader in solar cell innovation and manufacturing.

The Oregon Process Innovation Center for Sustainable Solar Cell Manufacturing has now been set up at OSU with almost \$2.7 million in new funding, and researchers believe the technologies that may emerge from it could dramatically change the global solar energy industry. [Read more](#). Source: *Oregon State University*, 1/8/10

## ***Wave and tidal power growing slowly, steadily***

Proponents of wave and tidal power have compared the state of this area of the renewable energy sector with the early days of wind power. The technology has great potential but still must prove itself before it can be widely deployed.

Wave energy technology uses the movement of ocean waves to generate electricity from turbines. Wave power differs from tidal power, which is based on extracting energy from tidal movements and the water currents that accompany their rise and fall.

Experts estimate tidal energy's advantage lies in its predictability. Wave energy could be more abundant than tidal energy while still being less intermittent than wind or solar power. [Read more](#). Source: *HydroWorld*, 12/15/09

## ***MA Makes Wind Energy Plans, ND Wraps Up 149-MW Wind Project***

The state of Massachusetts is still struggling with its wind energy plans and approval siting process, while a \$300-million wind project in North Dakota has been completed that is capable of generating 149 megawatts (MW) of power. [Read more](#). Source: *Environmental Leader*, 1/5/10

## ***Geothermal is Future***

### ***Homeowner builds in mind of rising energy costs***

When Russ Gohl built his new house in Minot last year, he went for all the energy conservation he could get. His plan included a geothermal system that provides for his heating and cooling needs.

"It's the thing of the future," he said. "As energy costs continue to rise and rise and rise, I was more interested in controlling them now than pay for them later when I am on a retirement income. I am looking at this more as a long-term investment."

Geothermal systems present a larger expense upfront, but industry experts say the payback can occur in as little as two to 10 years. [Read more](#). Source: *Minot Daily News*, 12/27/09

## ***Powerful incentive: Takes about a decade to see returns***

Solar power earns a premium at the rural electric cooperative here. The Farmers Electric Cooperative pays customers 20 cents per kilowatt hour for solar energy they feed back into the co-op's system. That's about double the rate of 11.5 cents per kilowatt hour the co-op ordinarily charges customers. Cooperative General Manager Warren McKenna said the solar power "feed-in tariff" was enacted in January to ramp up the ability of co-op members to generate electricity during peak demand hours. Customers are limited in the amount of electricity they can sell back to the cooperative at the special rate. They may sell only one-fourth of the amount of power they buy from the cooperative that month. [Read more](#). Source: *iStock Analyst, via The Cedar Rapids Gazette, 12/27/09*

## ***Small Wind Newsletter for Jan. 2010***

In this issue:

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[Read more](#). Source: *Interstate Renewable Energy Council, 12/29/09*

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## **Outreach, Education, Reports & Studies**

### ***Guide to Purchasing Green Power***

The *Guide to Purchasing Green Power* can be a valuable resource when buying green power. By partnering with EPA's Green Power Partnership you can also receive one-on-one technical support in identifying green power products that meet your organization's goals. [Read more](#). Source: *Environmental Protection Agency, 2/1/10*

### ***Webinar on EPA Green Power Communities***

On Tuesday, Feb. 23, from 1-2 p.m. (EST), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Green Power Partnership and Local Climate and Energy Program will host a Webinar on the [Green Power Community initiative](#). Green Power Communities are cities, towns, and villages in which the local government, businesses, and residents collectively buy green power in amounts that meet or exceed EPA's purchasing requirements.

During this Webinar, participants will learn about:

- How to become an EPA Green Power Community
- Available EPA communications and technical support
- The roles of the local government, utilities, EPA, and non-profit organizations in initiating a Green Power Community program

- Examples of successful community outreach campaigns and how they have inspired community support for green power

Presenters will be:

- Anthony Amato, ERG, contracting firm to U.S. EPA
- Susan Millhauser, Sustainability Coordinator, City of Lake Oswego, Oregon
- Thor Hinkley, Program Manager, Portland General Electric

[Register online](#) for the webinar. *Source: EPA Green Power Partnership, 1/29/10*

## **Overpaying for Green Power**

***Americans are adopting a failed type of clean energy subsidy—the feed-in tariff—just as Europeans are abandoning it.***

“How can California encourage investors to generate renewable electricity? How about a guarantee that if they generate the power, they'll be paid at a good price?” [suggests](#) Ray Pingle of the Sierra Club. Fair enough. But the price proposed by the Sierra Club and some [members of Congress](#) is three to five times more than the current average price of electricity. [Read more](#). *Source: Reason, 1/26/10*

## **SEC votes to issue interpretive guidance on climate-related risk disclosures**

On January 27, 2010, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) voted 3-2 to provide public companies with interpretive guidance on how to apply existing SEC disclosure requirements to business or legal developments relating to climate change and climate-related risk. The announcement responds to a petition filed by investors in 2007, which was supplemented in 2008 and 2009, calling for guidance on how publicly-traded companies should disclose "material" effects from climate-related developments in their 10-Ks. This alert discusses the potential impact of the interpretive guidance on publicly-traded companies. Read the [full article](#). *Source: Nixon Peabody, 1/27/10*

## **National Renewable Energy Lab Study Shows 20 Percent Wind is Possible by 2024**

***Analysis Shows Transmission Upgrades, Offshore Wind, and Operational Changes Needed to Incorporate 20 to 30 Percent Wind***

Today, the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) released the Eastern Wind Integration and Transmission Study (EWITS). This unprecedented two-and-a-half year technical study of future high-penetration wind scenarios was designed to analyze the economic, operational, and technical implications of shifting 20 percent or more of the Eastern Interconnection's electrical load to wind energy by the year 2024. [Read more](#). *Source: Enhanced Online News, 1/20/10*

## **Silicon Valley Rocks Climate World With New Breed of Software**

Only a few years ago, businesses wanting to track their greenhouse gas emissions had few choices. Their main option was a simple spreadsheet with pages and pages of numbers. Now, companies and governments can turn to software that allows them to input emissions data, analyze it in fancy charts and receive recommendations on how

to cut heat-trapping gases from operations large and small. [Read more](#). Source: *New York Times*, 1/19/10

## ***Register now for 2010 Harvesting Clean Energy Conference***

The 10th annual [Harvesting Clean Energy](#) conference is coming to Kennewick, Wash., Feb. 7-9. A host of experts are gathering in one place to tell you how farmers, ranchers, food processors and rural communities can prosper in the new energy economy. Discover your best opportunities in wind power, solar technologies, geothermal, small hydro, biomass or biofuels and energy-efficient equipment. Connect with financing, technical expertise, and partnership assistance. [Register online](#) or call [Dana Colwell](#) at 253-445-4575 for more information.

## ***Utah SEP sponsors geothermal installer training***

The [Utah State Energy Program](#) along with Sound Geothermal will be sponsoring an [IGSHPA Accredited Geothermal Installer Certification Course](#) from March 15-17, 2010.

There is an early bird special of \$100.00 off if you register by Feb. 12.

If you have any questions regarding this course, please call [Sound Geothermal](#) at 801-942-6100. Source: *International Ground Source Heat Pump Association*, 1/12/10

## ***Wind sound and health webinar presentations available***

For those who missed the [Wind Turbine Sound and Health Effects webinar](#); the files are available from [Wind Powering America](#). Source: *National Renewable Energy Laborator*, 1/21/10

## ***New Solar Leasing Program to Deliver Fixed Prices and Green Energy to California Homeowners***

### ***PetersenDean Partners With SunRun to Offer Revolutionary Solar Leasing Program to Benefit Homebuilders, Buyers and the Environment***

PetersenDean Roofing and Solar Systems, the nation's largest, privately-owned roofing and solar energy company, has announced an exclusive partnership with SunRun, the nation's leading provider of residential solar financing, on a ground-breaking leasing program that enables Californians to purchase a new solar home at the price of a standard home, locking in low, fixed electricity bills for 20 years. [Read more](#). Source: *PetersenDean* 1/12/10

## ***Connecting to the Grid Newsletter for January 2010***

The Connecting to the Grid newsletter is published electronically every month by the Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC) and the North Carolina Solar Center at North Carolina State University. This is a free publication. [Read more](#). Source: Interstate Renewable Energy Council, 1/14/10

## ***Gas Pains: The Problems with a Gas-Fired Bridge to Clean Energy***

Natural gas is often seen as the “bridge fuel” to a clean-energy future—it’s abundant, reliable, and has about half the emissions of coal. Today, a couple of reminders of just how tricky it can be to really make that gas-powered energy revolution a reality. [Read more](#). *Source: Wall Street Journal, 1/11/10*

### ***Carbon and Energy Use Tracking***

CarbonContest is a website devoted to information and resources that help consumers determine their energy use and carbon footprints. The website includes energy calculators for home products such as lighting and much, much more. [Learn more](#). *Source: WSU Energy Program Library, 1/7/10*

### ***K-12 Lesson Plans & Activities from DOE***

Teach your students the importance of green energy while enhancing your required curriculum. Here you'll find about 63 creative lesson plans, projects and other activities for grades K-12 on energy-related topics. Incorporate them into your classroom. Prepare your students for a greener future! [Read more](#). *Source: US DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, 1/5/10*

### ***Clean Tech Job Trends 2009***

***The following is an excerpt from Clean Tech Job Trends 2009.***

For nearly a decade, Clean Edge has issued its annual *Clean Energy Trends* report series in which we present the latest clean-energy trends; report on the current and projected size of the global market for solar, wind and biofuels; and provide insights and intelligence on the broader clean-energy market. This year, we are launching a new report series, focusing on employment in the clean-tech industry, in which we hope to do for clean-tech jobs what we did for clean energy in our earlier reports. Read the [full report](#). *Source: Clean Edge, 1/4/10*

### ***Subscribe to Geothermal Technologies Program Updates***

The Geothermal Technologies Program (GTP) offers updates and notices on upcoming workshops, Webinars, and Webcasts related to GTP as well as funding opportunity announcements and updates when available. [Read more](#). *Source: DOE EERE Geothermal Technologies Program, 12/29/09*

Learn more about [educational resources](#).

## **News from Washington**

### ***Advocates of Climate Bill Scale Down Their Goals***

As they watch President Obama’s ambitious health care plan crumble, the advocates of a comprehensive bill to combat global warming are turning their sights to a more modest package of climate and energy measures that they believe has a better chance of clearing Congress this year. [Read more](#). *Source: New York Times, 1/26/10*

## **Recovery Act Announcement: Secretary Chu Announces More Than \$20.5 million for Community Renewable Energy Deployment Projects**

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Steven Chu announced today the selection of five projects to receive more than \$20.5 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to support deployment of community-based renewable energy projects, such as biomass, wind, and solar installations. These projects will promote investment in clean energy infrastructure that will create jobs, help communities provide long-term renewable energy and save consumers money. They will also serve as models for other local governments, campuses, or small utilities to replicate, allowing other communities to design projects that fit their individual size and energy demands.

"Smaller, more localized renewable energy systems need to play a role in our comprehensive energy portfolio," said Secretary Chu. "These projects will help create jobs, expand our clean energy economy, and help us cut carbon pollution at the local level." [Read more](#). Source: US Department of Energy, 1/21/10

## **States Receive \$190 Million in Green Jobs Grants**

### **Awards will be used to provide job training in emerging green industries**

The U.S. Labor Department awarded \$190 million in green-jobs training grants to 34 states as part of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the department said Jan. 20.

The individual awards range from \$2 million to \$6 million. The grants are being issued to state workforce investment boards. The funds will be used to provide program participants with technical and occupational skills necessary to obtain industry recognized credentials in emerging green industries, including energy efficiency and renewable energy.

"These grants will help workers gain access to good jobs, while supporting the sort of statewide energy efficiency strategies that play a crucial role in building the green economy of the 21st century," said Labor Secretary Hilda Solis.

This set of green grants is the third awarded in as many weeks by the Labor Department. So far, the Labor Department has issued nearly \$440 million in green-jobs grants in 2010. Source: *Industry Week*, 1/21/10

## **Recovery Act Announcement: Department of Energy to Invest up to \$12 Million to Support Early Stage Solar Technologies**

U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Steven Chu today announced that the Department's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) will invest up to \$12 million in total funding--\$10 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act--in four companies to support the development of early stage solar energy technologies and help them advance to full commercial scale. The goal of this effort is to help further expand a clean energy economy and make solar energy more cost-competitive with conventional forms of electricity.

"Expanding the solar power industry in the United States can create new jobs, reduce carbon pollution, and save consumers money," said Secretary Chu. "By partnering with NREL, these companies will be able to gain from their expertise, accelerate the pace of innovation and help get technologies to market faster." [Read more](#). Source: US DOE, 1/20/10

## ***Energy Efficiency Can Mean Lower Taxes***

Making energy efficient improvements to your home will do more than reduce your energy costs — they'll also reduce your tax bill.

The tax credit for energy-efficient windows or doors, air conditioners or furnaces, or other energy-saving improvements disappeared in 2008, but returned for 2009 and 2010 — at an even higher value. This is one case where procrastination paid off.

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, homeowners who made the improvements are eligible for a credit equal to 30 percent of the cost, up to a maximum credit of \$1,500. [Read more](#). *Source: ABC NEWS, 1/19/10*

## ***Expanding Use of Wind Power Feasible, but May Be Costly***

Wind could replace coal and natural gas for 20 to 30 percent of the electricity used in the eastern two-thirds of the United States by 2024, according to a study released Wednesday by the Energy Department. But doing so would require a reorganization of the power grid and a significant increase in costs. And it would have only a modest impact on cutting emissions linked to global warming, the study found. [Read more](#). *Source: New York Times, 1/21/10*

## ***Algae Research Expected to Yield Green Jet Fuel, Diesel, Gas***

To create green aviation fuels, diesel, and gasoline that can be transported and sold using existing fueling infrastructure, the Obama administration is investing up to \$78 million of economic stimulus money in biomass technologies, including algae, says Energy Secretary Steven Chu.

Two biofuels consortia have been awarded funding to research algae-based fuels as part of the Energy Department's larger \$564 million effort to stimulate the creation of the domestic bio-industry while creating jobs announced in December. [Read more](#). *Source: Environment News Service, 1/18/10*

## ***Prospects Fading for U.S. Climate Legislation in 2010***

Last summer, clean energy advocates were confident that the U.S. Congress would pass a comprehensive energy and climate bill by the time the Copenhagen conference rolled around. Now, as energy issues slip further down the policy priority list in the wake of that failed meeting, advocates are left wondering if the U.S. will see any significant piece of clean energy legislation in 2010. [Read more](#). *Source: Renewable Energy World, 1/14/10*

## ***President Obama Spearheads a Climate Agreement in Copenhagen***

President Obama visited Copenhagen, Denmark, on December 18, 2009, and met with the heads of state from Brazil, China, India, and South Africa to reach a climate agreement called the "Copenhagen Accord." The agreement emerged as the primary achievement of the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen. [Read more](#). *Source: US DOE, 1/6/10*

## ***Federal appliance rebates modeled after Cash for Clunkers***

## ***Federal rebate program on energy-efficient appliances to launch***

Next year may be to appliance buyers what 2009 was to car buyers: time for government rebates.

Modeled after the popular Cash for Clunkers program, which was intended to get cars with low gas mileage off the road, a federal appliance rebate program is launching in early 2010. It offers a boost to people buying energy-efficient clothes washers, refrigerators and other appliances—those that qualify for the federal "Energy Star" designation—and to manufacturers, whose sales fell 10 percent in 2008 and another 12 percent through mid-December this year. [Read more](#). *Source: Baltimore Sun, 1/4/10*

## ***Solar Could Generate 15% of Power by 2020, If US Ends Fossil Fuel Subsidies***

### ***The Result: 882,000 New Jobs, 10 percent Drop in Emissions***

Solar power technologies could generate 15 percent of America's power in 10 years, but only if Washington levels the playing field on subsidies, a report by the [Solar Energy Industries Association](#) (SEIA) says.

That means either rolling back fossil fuel subsidies, as President Obama [proposed](#) earlier this year, or increasing subsidies for clean energy, the association says. [Read more](#). *Source: Solve Climate, 12/29/09*

Learn more about [legislative activities](#).

## **State Activities, Marketing & Market Research**

### ***IREC State and Stakeholder Newsletter for Jan. 27***

The IREC State & Stakeholder Newsletter is a foremost resource for current information on workforce training, credentialing programs, state activities and best practices on renewable energy and energy efficiency. This free newsletter is distributed semi-monthly to email subscribers and published on IREC's website. [Read more](#). *Source: Interstate Renewable Energy Council, 1/27/10*

### ***Georgia BioMass will draw worldwide attention here***

It was a great day for Southeast Georgia last Thursday morning when announcements were made in Waycross, Atlanta and Berlin, Germany telling of impending plans for construction of the world's largest fuel pellet plant in our midst. [Read more](#). *Source: The Blackshear Times, 1/26/10*

### ***Westar Energy announces plans for wind farm near Spearville***

The largest electric utility company in the state announced development rights for constructing a new wind energy farm north of Spearville, Kan. on Tuesday.

Westar Energy will develop a wind farm that will produce up to 500 megawatts of wind energy. The company

reached an agreement with Infinity Wind Power to be the project developer for the site. [Read more](#). Source: *Southwest Times*, 1/25/10

## **U.S. goes on Low Carbon Diet**

### ***Tens of thousands of US households join local Cool Community campaigns to cut carbon emissions by 25%***

As glaciers melt and sea levels rise, world governments remain in gridlock over global warming. Renewable energy and new technologies will take decades longer to scale up than scientists say we have, but for social entrepreneur David Gershon the immediate solution for cutting the country's goliath footprint is simple. Start at home. [Read more](#). Source: One World.net 1/30/10

## **Nevada to challenge California's geothermal energy supremacy**

In a report released today, the Geothermal Energy Association reported that the Golden State far outstrips any other in terms of geothermal energy output, but for new plants, developers are looking to Nevada.

As of August, California had about 2,605 megawatts of geothermal energy production capacity. Nevada, in distant second, has about 448 megawatts. By 2005, California's geothermal energy capacity alone exceeded that of every country in the world.

But California's days as the lone superpower of geothermal energy could be numbered. That's because the Silver State is rolling the plants out faster than neighboring states, most of which have less suitable land available and lengthier permitting processes.

In the last six months, Nevada has completed three new power plants, bringing the total number of operating geothermal power plants in the state to 21.

Nevada could add as much as 3,743 megawatts of geothermal energy in the next decade compared to 2,436 in California.

Up to 1,207 megawatts of that projected energy production for Nevada is in the final stages of development compared to up to just 374 megawatts in the final stages of development in California.

Nevada is also getting the lion's share of federal funding for demonstration projects, with more than \$73.6 million in Energy Department funding. California, in second place, gets about \$47.3 million from the Energy Department. Source: *Las Vegas Sun*, 1/25/10

## **Wind for Schools Program Adds Funding in Five States**

Today the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) and DOE's Wind and Hydropower Technologies Program announced the selection of five additional states to each receive approximately \$60,000 in funding per year for three years for activities supporting Wind Powering America's Wind for Schools project. These awards will provide universities, state institutions, and non-governmental organizations funding and technical support that will be used to develop educational programs to improve understanding of wind technology and its implementation using the successful Wind for Schools model. [Read more](#). Source: *National Renewable Energy Laboratory*, 1/21/10

## ***The Big and Small of Wind***

Wind energy development in Maine has long been about reducing energy costs and dependence on dirtier, imported sources of power. With a second large federal grant, the University of Maine is helping position the state to take advantage of another part of the equation — developing wind power components in the state, which could lead to new jobs here. [Read more](#). *Source: The Bangor Daily News, 1/21/10*

## ***SD Panel OKs Tax Break for Small Energy Projects***

Property tax breaks will be awarded for investments in small renewable energy projects, a South Dakota legislative committee decided Wednesday, despite concerns that the exemptions would result in less revenue for schools and local governments.

The bill, endorsed 6-2 by the Senate State Affairs Committee, will encourage investment in small wind or solar projects by providing incentives already available to large wind projects, Dusty Johnson, chairman of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, told the committee. [Read more](#). *Source: ABC News Money, 1/20/10*

## ***Garbage power: Seattle touts renewable energy source***

Seattle has begun getting electricity from its own garbage and will soon get more.

Last October the city began receiving an average of 5.7 megawatts of power from generators in Eastern Oregon that are fueled by methane gas produced by a regional garbage landfill. [Read more](#). *Source: Seattle Post Intelligencer, 1/21/10*

## ***Gov. Culver: Iowa receives \$5.9 million energy sector green jobs grant***

Governor Chet Culver today announced that Iowa has been awarded a three-year, \$5.9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to expand Iowa's growing green economy sector and develop the skills necessary in the workforce to succeed in this new economy. Iowa's grant will target renewable energy, efficiency, Smart Grid Technology, Energy Assessments and other industries to increase the state's overall strength in the green economy. The overall goal of the grant is to bring state resources together to further develop the national green economy. [Read more](#). *Source: Iowa Politics, 1/21/10*

## ***Xcel Energy Completes Transmission Projects To Deliver More Wind Energy***

[Xcel Energy has announced the completion of the Buffalo Ridge Incremental Generation Outlet \(BRIGO\)](#) transmission projects, designed to increase the system's ability to carry wind power to Minnesota and South Dakota customers.

The BRIGO series of projects installed approximately 50 miles of new transmission lines from the wind-rich Buffalo Ridge area of Minnesota and South Dakota.

Since 1999, the utility has constructed 280 miles of new 345 kV and 115 kV transmission lines and upgraded 300 miles of existing transmission lines and associated substations. The projects increased the system's export

capacity from 260 MW in 1999 to approximately 1,200 MW in 2009, according to Xcel.

"The completion of these projects allows us to more efficiently harvest this area's vital energy resources, and it will also provide more reliable electricity service to our customers," says Kent Larson, vice president of transmission and operating services at Xcel Energy.

Work on the BRIGO projects was completed ahead of schedule at a total cost of approximately \$55 million, according to Xcel. *Source: North American Wind Power, 1/20/10*

### **Market Report—In Play (QTWW)**

Quantum Fuel announces solar system supplier agreement with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Co announces it has entered into a professional services agreement with the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power as a "qualified supplier," one of 12 companies selected among 109 bid participants. The agreement sets forth the terms by which LADWP would procure the materials and services necessary for solar power projects, as part of Los Angeles' mandated Renewable Portfolio Standard, which targets 20 percent of the energy for the City from renewable energy sources by 2010, and 35 percent of the energy from renewable energy sources by 2020. *Source: MSN Money, 1/20/10*

### **Schwarzenegger plans to exempt 'green' tech manufacturing equipment from sales tax**

To strengthen "green" manufacturing in California, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has introduced a plan to make businesses that make clean technology exempt from paying sales tax on their equipment.

Although some experts agree that it is a first step in jump-starting the state's manufacturing industry, more incentives may need to be considered.

The proposal is one of five components to Schwarzenegger's California Jobs Initiative to create jobs and expand business in the state. [Read more](#). *Source: Contra Costa Times, 1/18/10*

### **Sparks Fly as Senate Aides Try to Untangle a Power Lines Dispute**

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*Source: New York Times, 1/19/10*

### **Missouri Public Service Commission Selects APX Renewable Energy Market Infrastructure**

APX Inc., the leading infrastructure provider for environmental and energy markets, is pleased to announce that the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) has selected the North American Registry™ as the renewable energy certificate (REC) management system for Missouri Renewable Energy Standard compliance. The system will allow for origination, certification, tracking, transfer, and retirement of RECs. [Read more](#). *Source: Business Wire, 1/19/10*

## ***TVA Contracts For More Renewable Wind Power***

The Tennessee Valley Authority is moving closer to its goal of having more than 50 percent of its power generation from non-carbon emitting sources with four new contracts for the purchase of up to 815 megawatts of renewable wind energy. [Read more](#). *Source: Tennessee Valley Authority, 1/14/10*

## ***Richardson rolls out Green Jobs Cabinet***

With an eye to a promised federal green jobs plan, Gov. Bill Richardson launched a new Green Jobs Cabinet today. He has directed the group to enhance clean energy and clean technology economic development and job creation in New Mexico. [Read more](#). *Source: New Mexico Business Weekly, 1/22/10*

## ***Colo. Dems Want to Raise Renewable Energy Standard***

Colorado Democratic state lawmakers want to increase the amount of electricity coming from renewable sources, saying the move will help the environment and create jobs.

Under current law, investor-owned utilities like Xcel Energy must get 20 percent of their power from renewable sources like wind and solar energy by 2020. Gov. Bill Ritter announced Tuesday that he is backing planned legislation requiring them to hit 30 percent over the next 10 years instead. [Read more](#). *Source: ABC News Money, 1/13/10*

## ***Minnesota Pushes Solar Energy Industry***

A September, 2009 article by Fresh Energy (a nonprofit organization leading the transition toward a clean, efficient and fair U.S. energy system) reported that Minnesota was slated to get about \$26 million for “green” energy projects.

Of that amount, \$3 million was part of the U.S. Department of Energy’s Solar Cities program, which aims to increase solar participation in selected cities. [Read more](#). *Source: Cooler Planet, 1/13/10*

## ***Fla. Company Pursues 100 MW Wind Farm in Montana***

A Florida wind developer said that he wants to build a 100-megawatt wind farm on state land in northeast Montana.

Montana has some of the best winds in the country for power generation, but development has lagged other states.

The latest proposal, from Tampa-Fla.-based Sansur Renewable Energy, is among several recently announced projects that combined could make the state among the wind industry’s top players. [Read more](#). *Source: ABC News Money, 1/13/10*

## ***Renewable Energy Projects Challenge California Counties***

Expect the landscape of California’s counties to change. That’s the message in Governor Schwarzenegger’s recent announcement of 244 proposed renewable energy projects in varying stages of the state’s expedited review and permitting process.

“This list of nearly 250 projects is great news for our state because not only will these projects help us meet our long-term environmental goals they will also create green jobs and new, clean investment in our economy now,” the Governor said in his December 29, 2009 statement. [Read more](#). Source: *Public CEO*, 1/12/10

## **UTILITIES: NV Energy adjusting its line**

### ***Intertie project sought to transmit power***

NV Energy's Plan A has become its Plan B.

The local electric utility hopes to swap out a proposal for its One Nevada transmission line (ONLine) and go instead with LS Power's Southwest Intertie Project, a competing transmission line following the same 235-mile route from Ely to NV Energy's Harry Allen Generating Station in Apex. At a press conference Monday morning at Harry Allen, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and executives with NV Energy and LS Power announced an agreement to give NV Energy co-ownership of the 500-kilovolt line and full access to its distribution capacity. [Read more](#). Source: *The Review Journal*, 1/12/10

## ***A clash of environmental ideals in the Mojave Desert: Solar-energy project vs. endangered desert tortoises***

On a strip of California's [Mojave Desert](#), two dozen rare tortoises could stand in the way of a sprawling solar-energy complex in a case that highlights mounting tensions between wilderness conservation and the nation's quest for cleaner power.

Oakland, Calif.-based [BrightSource Energy](#) has been pushing for more than two years for permission to erect 400,000 mirrors on the site to gather the sun's energy. It could become the first project of its kind on U.S. Bureau of Land Management property, leaving a footprint for others to follow on vast stretches of public land across the West. [Read more](#). Source: *Los Angeles Times*, 1/4/10

## ***Western Renewable Energy Highlights of 2009***

In 2009, the West's abundant renewable energy potential received significant new attention from policymakers at the federal, regional and state levels. The Obama Administration's emphasis on rebuilding our nation's economy through increased reliance on clean, domestic clean energy resources and new transmission development resulted in new activity by utilities, state governments, federal agencies, the renewable energy industry and many other top stakeholders in states throughout the West in 2009. [Read more](#). Source: *Interwest Energy Alliance*, 1/5/10

## ***MP2 Capital and Oak Leaf Energy Partners to Provide Solar Power for 16 Denver Public Schools***

The Denver Public School Board has approved plans for the development of photovoltaic (PV) solar energy projects on 16 school buildings throughout the school district.

The projects are the result of more than two years of planning and coordination by Denver-based renewable energy developer Oak Leaf Energy Partners with the School District and the Denver Green Print Council. The projects will be owned and operated by MP2 Capital, a leading developer, financier and operator of solar projects

throughout North America. MP2 will then sell the electricity produced to the district under a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). The School Board's approval will elevate Denver as a leader in school-based sustainability initiatives, both in Colorado and nationally. The systems will be designed and built by Boulder-based Namasté Solar. [Read more](#). Source: *Renewable Energy World*, 1/6/10

### ***Rural Electric Cooperative Completes \$240 Million Wind Farm in 4 Months***

A North Dakota rural electric cooperative made history on New Year's Eve, in completing the nation's largest wind project to be entirely owned by a consumer cooperative.

The \$240 million, 115.5 MW wind farm was begun in August and completed a mere four months later; three and a half hours before midnight on the last night of 2009. GE supplied the 77 1.5 MW turbines. [Read more](#). Source: *CleanTechnica*, 1/1/10

### ***Solar water heating requirement in Hawaii***

Hawaii has become the first US state to require new homes to have a solar water heater.

Under a law enacted in 2008, but which went into effect at the start of the year, a building permit cannot be issued for a new single family structure if it does not include a solar water heater.

The executive director of the nonprofit Blue Planet Foundation, Jeff Mikulina, told the Honolulu Advertiser that with a solar

water heater, the typical homeowner will pay 30 percent to 40 percent less on their electricity bills.

For a new house, a system would cost roughly US\$5,000 to \$6,000, so it should pay for itself within 10 years.

The state's energy conservation programme manager, Carilyn Shon, says petroleum experts are estimating that oil prices will more than double in the coming two years, providing additional

incentive for people to save energy spending and switch to solar water heating. Source: *Radio New Zealand International*, 1/3/10

### ***149 MW Wind project operational in North Dakota (Ind. Report)***

[Iberdrola Renewables](#)' \$300,000,000 US wind farm north of Rugby, N.D., has been completed. [Missouri River Energy Services](#) has agreed to purchase 40 MW of power from the 71-turbine, 149 MW project. Iberdrola is seeking other customers for the remainder of the power. Previous project details were provided in our May 29, 2008 edition. (Source: ABC News, December 31, 2009)

Contact: Jan Johnson, Iberdrola Renewables, 503-796-7070; Missouri River Energy Services, 605-338-4042.

### ***RES Americas Announces Completion of First Project in Northeastern United States***

***Armenia Mountain Wind Farm to produce 101 MW of renewable energy in Pennsylvania***

[Renewable Energy Systems Americas Inc.](#) (RES Americas), a national leader in the development and construction of renewable energy projects, announced the completion of Armenia Mountain Wind Farm. While RES Americas has a great breadth of experience in development and construction across the United States (US), Armenia Mountain Wind Farm marks the completion of RES Americas' first project in the Northeast region.

AES Wind Generation, a wholly owned subsidiary of The AES Corporation (AES), developed, owns and operates the Armenia Mountain wind farm. RES America Construction Inc. served as the Balance of Plant (BOP) construction contractor.

Located in Tioga and Bradford Counties, Pennsylvania, AES' Armenia Mountain Wind Farm consists of 67 GE 1.5 megawatt (MW) wind turbines and will generate 101 MW of operating capacity. The wind farm will contribute several permanent operation and maintenance jobs in the community.

"RES Americas is pleased to complete our first project in the Northeastern US for AES," said Steve Reutcke, VP of Construction for RES Americas. "Working closely with the local community and environmental entities, the Armenia Mountain project was constructed to ensure the wind farm has a positive impact on the people who live there."

For more than a decade, RES Americas has been developing, constructing, owning, and operating renewable energy projects. The company employs over 200 full time professionals located throughout North America, has more than 4,000 MW of construction projects, and is working on a development portfolio of over 12,500 MW. RES Americas is dedicated to securing a sustainable energy future. *Source: RES America, 1/4/10*

### ***Fast-Track Renewable Energy Projects***

Fast-track projects are those where the companies involved have demonstrated to the BLM that they have made sufficient progress to formally start the environmental review and public participation process. These projects are advanced enough in the permitting process that they could potentially be cleared for approval by December 2010, thus making them eligible for economic stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. [Read more](#). *Source: Bureau of Land Management, 1/4/10*

Learn more about [marketing and research](#).

## **Grants, RFPs & Other Funding News**

### ***Secretary Chu Announces More Than \$20.5 million for Community Renewable Energy Deployment Projects***

U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Steven Chu announced today the selection of five projects to receive more than \$20.5 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to support deployment of community-based renewable energy projects, such as biomass, wind and solar installations. These projects will promote investment in clean energy infrastructure that will create jobs, help communities provide long-term renewable energy and save consumers money. They will also serve as models for other local governments, campuses or small utilities to replicate, allowing other communities to design projects that fit their individual size and energy demands. [Read more](#). *Source: EERE Network News, 1/27/10*

## **Renewable Energy Certificates Sought**

The Defense Logistics Agency has issued a [Request for Proposal](#) for renewable energy certificates to be transferred to Federal civilian customers. For more information, contact [Ashleigh Johnson](#), 703-767-8561; or [Cindy Ralph](#), 703-767-8566. Refer to Solicitation SP0600-10-R-0412. *Source: FedBizOpps, 1/12/10*

## **Community Action and the Environment Program requests proposals**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requests proposals for the Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) Program. CARE is a unique community-based, community-driven, multimedia demonstration program designed to help communities understand and reduce risks due to toxic pollutants and environmental concerns from all sources. \$2 million expected to be available, up to 9 awards anticipated. Responses due March 9, 2010. For more info, contact [Dennis O'Connor](#). Refer to Sol# [EPA-OAR-IO-10-04](#). *Source: Grants.gov 12/17/09*

## **Funding Available for Methane Recovery Projects**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requests [proposals for Activities that Advance Methane Recovery and Use as a Clean Energy Source](#). This RFP will support investigation, survey, study, training, and demonstration projects that advance international near-term, cost-effective methane recovery and use as a clean energy source, and support the goals of the Methane to Markets Partnership. \$5 million expected to be available, up to 35 awards anticipated. A Notice of Intent to Apply is requested but not required and is due 2/11/10, final proposals due 4/15/10. For more info, contact [Henry Ferland](#). Refer to Sol# EPA-OAR-CCD-10-02. *Source: Grants.gov 12/11/09*

Learn more about [funding solicitations](#).

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