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GOVERNOR RENDELL ANNOUNCES FEDERAL FUNDING FOR DIVERSE, RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

HARRISBURG – Governor Edward G. Rendell today announced the first in a series of competitive grant programs to help fund large-scale renewable energy projects.

Green Energy Works! is now accepting applications for \$11 million in federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding for combined heat and power projects, which generate power and thermal energy from a single source. All projects must create jobs, be able to start work within six months, and be completed within 24 months and before April 30, 2012.

Green Energy Works! will eventually provide a total of \$52 million to Pennsylvania for projects to help increase energy efficiency, reduce reliance on foreign energy sources, improve service reliability, and reduce the impact of energy production on the environment. It will also fund future solar, wind and biogas projects.

“This will be an example for all Pennsylvanians that green energy and green jobs are the future of economic development and power production,” said Governor Rendell. “These programs will build long-lasting green energy generating facilities, supply a significant boost to our economy by putting our citizens to work, and leverage million more in additional investments.”

Green Energy Works! is part of the federal funding that Pennsylvania will receive under the Recovery Act's State Energy Program that will invest more than \$99.6 million of federal funding to supplement the state's Alternative Energy Investment Fund. That money is being used to provide loans, grants and tax credits for energy efficiency and conservation projects for homes and small businesses.

“Green Energy Works! is geared toward large energy production projects,” said Governor Rendell. “Now is the time to take a larger approach to finding ways to meet our energy demands. While we have been spreading the commonwealth's Recovery Act dollars across a wide range of green energy

projects, we must also move forward with large-scale projects that will give us the greatest return on our investment. With the available federal funding, we will be able to generate immediate benefits by creating jobs and supplying power to our residents and businesses for years to come.”

Guidelines may be viewed at www.recovery.pa.gov. Under the heading: “Where is your money going?” click on “Energy Independence.” Applications must be submitted via the Environmental eGrants system at www.grants.dcnr.state.pa.us. Applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. on Oct. 9.

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