



## **News for Immediate Release**

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### **Governor Rendell: Nearly \$20 Million in Federal Funding Available to Spur Wind Energy Projects, Generate Orders for Manufacturers**

Latest Investment to Create Jobs in One of America's Fastest Growing States for Wind Energy

**Harrisburg** – Governor Edward G. Rendell announced today that \$19.8 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding is now available for large-scale wind projects that will generate clean energy, spur new orders for the Keystone State's green energy manufacturers, and put Pennsylvanians back to work.

In describing the importance of supporting clean energy technologies, the Governor said this latest investment builds upon Pennsylvania's stature as one of the fastest growing states for wind energy in America.

"With the help of federal and state incentives -- and programs like Green Energy Works! -- Pennsylvania is paving the way to develop more large, shovel-ready wind projects. These are the types of projects that create jobs for people putting steel in the ground, while helping us to power our future in a cleaner, more environmentally friendly and efficient way," said Governor Rendell.

"Pennsylvania has been recognized for the growth of our wind energy sector, with three new wind farms beginning operation this year and additional projects coming on-line in the near future," continued Governor Rendell. "Pennsylvania now has 595 megawatts of wind generation capacity, enough to power more than 178,000 homes."

According to the American Wind Energy Association, the state ranked second in the nation for wind industry growth during the second and third quarters of this year.

The Green Energy Works! Wind program is open to projects located in Pennsylvania that use grant funds matched with private investments for wind energy systems of at least 3 megawatts of capacity and use Pennsylvania goods and services to the greatest extent possible.

Funds may be used to purchase and install equipment for producing wind energy or distributing energy by covering interconnection costs and network upgrades. All proposals must be for a minimum of \$250,000 and may not exceed \$19.8 million. All projects must create jobs and be completed by April 30, 2012.

Guidelines and application materials are available at [www.recovery.pa.gov](http://www.recovery.pa.gov). Under the heading "Where is Your Money Going?" click on "Energy Independence." Applications must be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection Grants Center—Green Energy Works—Wind, 15th Floor Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market St., P.O. Box 8776, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8776. E-mails or faxes will not be accepted. Application deadline is 4 p.m. on Dec. 31.

Prior to submittal, applicants with questions are encouraged to contact the DEP Grants Center at 717-704-5400, or Kerry Campbell at 717-772-5985.

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