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### **Citizens' Update Now Available to Help Pennsylvanians Understand Progress and Impact of Recovery Act**

**Harrisburg** – The commonwealth's first Citizens' Update on its Recovery Act spending and programs is now available at [www.recovery.pa.gov](http://www.recovery.pa.gov), Governor Edward G. Rendell said today.

The report, produced by the state's Office of Accountability, provides a user-friendly narrative that expands on the required quarterly federal reports the commonwealth submitted on Oct. 9.

"Pennsylvania is among the top 10 states in terms of putting its Recovery transportation funds to use," Rendell said. "We also want to be among the best in transparency. That means providing timely and easy-to-understand information to our citizens about how we are investing Recovery dollars. The Citizens' Update is part of doing just that."

In addition to providing a summary of the federal reports, Citizens' Update provides a brief overview of the state government's stimulus efforts through Sept. 30, including information about job creation and retention, programs and projects, and an overview of the federal reporting requirements. It also provides background information on the Recovery Act and its goals, as well as information about how Recovery funds flow to Pennsylvania. In combination with the array of information posted on the Recovery Web site, the Citizens' Update helps build a comprehensive picture of stimulus activity.

"One of the Accountability Office's missions is to provide unprecedented citizens' awareness of government spending and its outcomes," said Ron Naples, chief accountability officer. "Providing this information in easily accessible, simple, and direct ways is key to our mission. The Update is an integral piece of creating that window for citizens."

The Citizens' Update is available online at: [www.recovery.pa.gov](http://www.recovery.pa.gov).

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