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FYI – see link at bottom of news release.

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Stimulus funds for training programs (Laura – can you forward on to appropriate campuses), workforce (Maren) and PSC (Tony) related to energy programs.

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Secretary Chu Presents Smart Grid Vision and Announces \$144 Million in Recovery Act Funding to Transition to the Smart Grid

Washington, DC – In his keynote speech to the GridWeek 2009 Conference this morning, U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu detailed his vision for implementing the smart grid and modernizing America's electrical system: a stronger, smarter, more efficient electricity infrastructure that will encourage growth in renewable energy sources, empower consumers to reduce their energy use, and lay the foundation for sustained, long-term economic expansion.

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Email Regarding Grant Awards

During his remarks, Secretary Chu also announced more than \$144 million in funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for the electric power sector, including \$44 million in awards to state public utility commissions and \$100 million in available funding for smart grid workforce training programs.

“America cannot build a 21st Century energy economy with a mid-20th Century electricity system. This is why the Obama Administration is investing in projects that will lay the foundation for a modernized, resilient electrical grid,” said Secretary Chu. “By working with industry leaders and the private sector, we can drive the evolution to a clean, smart, national electricity system that will create jobs, reduce energy use, expand renewable energy production, and cut carbon pollution.”

\$100 Million for Smart Grid Workforce Training

Secretary Chu also announced the availability of \$100 million in funding from the Recovery Act to support workforce training for the electric power industry. This initiative will expand job creation and career advancement opportunities associated with smart grid and electricity transmission projects and will help establish training programs for workers in the utility industry and electrical manufacturing sectors who will play a key role in modernizing the country’s electrical grid.

The Funding Opportunity Announcement announced today will support two primary workforce training strategies:

- \$35-\$40 million to develop training programs, strategies and curricula that will be used as models for how to train or retrain workers in the electric power sector, with a focus on achieving a national, clean energy smart grid. This funding will be open to a range of applicants, including utilities, colleges and universities, trade schools, and labor organizations.
- \$60-\$65 million to conduct workforce training programs for new hires and retraining programs for electric utility workers and electrical equipment manufacturers to further knowledge of smart grid technologies and their implementation.

These programs will expand the United States’ capability to manufacture and install the electrical equipment and new technologies needed to implement the smart grid, and help ensure that the U.S. maintains its position as a global leader in innovation and technological advancement. The full Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is available [HERE](#).

\$44 Million for State Public Utility Commissions

State public utility commissions (PUCs), which regulate and oversee electricity projects in their states, will be receiving more than \$44.2 million in Recovery Act funding to hire new staff and retrain existing employees to ensure they have the capacity to quickly and effectively review proposed electricity projects. The funds will help the individual state PUCs accelerate reviews of the large number of electric utility requests that are expected under the Recovery Act. State PUCs will be reviewing electric utility investments in projects such as energy efficiency, renewable energy, carbon capture and storage, transmission lines, energy storage, smart grid, demand response equipment, and electric and hybrid-electric vehicles. A full list of states and award amounts is available [HERE](#).

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State Electricity Regulatory Assistance Grant Awards
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

State	Agency	Award Amount
Alabama	Alabama Public Service Commission	\$868,824
Alaska	Regulatory Commission of Alaska	\$767,493
Arizona	Arizona Corporation Commission	\$915,679
Arkansas	Arkansas Public Service Commission	\$822,779
California	California Public Utilities Commission	\$1,686,869
Colorado	The Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado	\$875,899
Connecticut	Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control	\$839,241
Delaware	Delaware Public Service Commission	\$772,254
District of Columbia	Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia	\$765,085
Florida	Florida Public Service Commission	\$1,217,160
Georgia	Georgia Public Service Commission	\$996,874
Hawaii	Hawaii Public Utilities Commission	\$782,834
Idaho	Idaho Public Utilities Commission	\$788,840
Illinois	Illinois Commerce Commission	\$1,078,840
Indiana	Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission	\$912,534
Iowa	Iowa Utility Board	\$826,530
Kansas	The State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas	\$821,422
Kentucky	Public Service Commission of Kentucky	\$858,816
Louisiana	Louisiana Public Service Commission	\$862,424
Maine	Maine Public Utilities Commission	\$783,554
Maryland	Maryland Public Service Commission	\$893,591
Michigan	Michigan Public Service Commission	\$1,004,971
Minnesota	Minnesota Public Utilities Commission	\$883,060
Mississippi	Mississippi Public Service Commission	\$824,901
Missouri	Missouri Public Service Commission	\$900,677
Montana	Montana Public Service Commission	\$774,659
Nevada	Public Utilities Commission of Nevada	\$816,274
New Hampshire	New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission	\$783,538
New Jersey	New Jersey Board of Public Utilities	\$971,307
New Mexico	New Mexico Public Regulation Commission	\$800,578
New York	New York State Public Service Commission	\$1,246,777
North Carolina	North Carolina Utilities Commission	\$985,065
North Dakota	North Dakota Public Service Commission	\$766,350
Ohio	Public Utilities Commission of Ohio	\$1,042,758
Oklahoma	Public Utility Division of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission	\$842,838
Oregon	Public Utility Commission, State of Oregon	\$846,603
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission	\$1,067,287
Rhode Island	Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission	\$776,783
South Carolina	Public Service Commission of South Carolina	\$864,183
South Dakota	South Dakota Public Utilities Commission	\$770,498
Tennessee	Tennessee Regulatory Authority	\$908,408
Texas	Public Utility Commission of Texas	\$1,370,056
Utah	Public Service Commission of Utah	\$819,747
Vermont	Vermont Public Service Board	\$765,835
Virginia	Virginia State Corporation Commission	\$948,022
Washington	Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission	\$916,929
West Virginia	Public Service Commission of West Virginia	\$796,248
Wisconsin	Public Service Commission of Wisconsin	\$893,448
Wyoming	Wyoming Public Service Commission	\$763,577
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