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Lieutenant Governor**For Immediate Release:**
September 28, 2009**PATT- MCDANIEL, SHANAHAN ANNOUNCE RECOVERY ACT ENERGY
EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**
\$25 Million Allocated for Ohio's Plan to Reduce Emissions and Increase Efficiency

Columbus – Lisa Patt-McDaniel, Director of the Ohio Department of Development, and Mark Shanahan, energy advisor to Governor Ted Strickland, today announced that Ohio's plan to utilize \$25 million in federal stimulus allocated through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program has been accepted by the U.S. Department of Energy.

"Ohio can create sustainable jobs and experience long-term economic growth by helping drive down emissions across our state," Patt-McDaniel said. "Recovery Act resources reduce Ohio's carbon footprint by creating energy-saving options and increased efficiency."

Specific application guidelines will start to be released in the next 2-4 weeks by the Ohio Department of Development for the \$25 million according to its approved plan: \$15 million will be competitively sub-granted to the 78 counties and 114 cities not eligible to receive direct funding from the U.S. Department of Energy, and \$8.2 million will be available to state facilities and institutions of higher education through a competitive solicitation. The remaining \$1.8 million will be used for technical assistance, outreach, grant administration, and reporting. Project selection will be conducted in keeping with the Obama Administration's guidelines on effectiveness, accountability, and transparency.

This \$25 million is part of a total allocation of \$84 million in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funds available to Ohio through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The U.S. Department of Energy divided the total allocation into two parts. The remaining \$59 million is a direct allocation from the U.S. Department of Energy to Ohio's 10 largest counties and 33 largest cities. Eligible local county and city governments interested in seeking this funding were required to file an energy strategy proposal with the federal government by mid-August.

"Ohioans can significantly improve energy efficiency with these Recovery Act resources," Shanahan said. "Projects that create sustainable jobs and reduce carbon emissions offer a dual benefit to Ohio."

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds appropriated to the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program will enable Ohio to support investments in energy efficiency retrofits, installation of distributed energy technologies and other energy-related projects at local, state, and higher education facilities to lower energy bills, reduce emissions, and create jobs. The program will be administered through a collaboration between the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority and the Ohio Department of Development.

People seeking more information may visit www.Recovery.Ohio.gov for guidelines and updates to submitted proposals.

For a summary of the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant program, please [click here](#).

*Working with our partners across business, state and local governments, academia, and the non-profit sector, the **Ohio Department of Development** works to attract, create, grow, and retain businesses through competitive incentives and targeted investments in Ohio's future.*

*The **Ohio Energy Office** works to grow the economy of the state by connecting companies and communities to financial and technical resources in order to deploy renewable energy technologies and energy efficiency.*

*The **Ohio Air Quality Development Authority** is a non-regulatory government agency created to help Ohio businesses comply with clean air regulations. For more information about the Ohio Air Quality Development Authority and its services, please visit www.ohioairquality.org.*

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