

# **New ARRA Funding Opportunity Announcement Community Renewable Energy: DOE Announces up to \$22 Million for Community Renewable Energy Deployment July 15, 2009**

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Secretary Steven Chu today announced plans to provide up to \$22 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to support the planning and installation of utility-scale community renewable energy projects in up to four communities nationwide. This funding opportunity directly supports the Obama Administration's goals of developing clean, renewable energy supplies, and creating new jobs and economic opportunities.

"American families and businesses are struggling in a recession and an increasingly competitive global economy. The Recovery Act was designed to rescue the economy from the immediate dangers it faces while rebuilding its fundamentals, with an eye toward new industry and opportunity," Secretary Chu said. "To help meet these challenges, the Recovery Act invests significant dollars to put people to work to spur a revolution in clean energy technologies."

The DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) will provide technical assistance to selected recipients, including concepts, best practices, planning, financial approaches, policy guidance, and recognition to help communities rapidly plan and deploy utility-scale renewable energy systems that provide clean, reliable, and affordable energy supplies for their communities, while creating jobs and new economic development opportunities. The projects will demonstrate how multiple renewable energy technologies, including solar, wind, biomass, and geothermal systems, can be deployed at scale to supply clean energy to communities.

DOE anticipates each project will leverage significant investment, including public and private sector investment in renewable energy systems. The projects funded under this Funding Opportunity Announcement are expected to create jobs and avoid 50,000 tons of carbon dioxide annually.

Up to \$22 million in DOE funding is available for these awards in fiscal year 2010. DOE anticipates making up to 4 awards totaling up to \$21.45 million, and expects matching funds from public and private investment of \$22 million or more.

Successful applicants will be awarded financial assistance to support the implementation of an integrated renewable energy deployment plan for a community, and the construction of renewable energy systems.

Completed applications are due September 3, 2009. DOE will select awardees by the end of November 2009. For more information, please visit the [Recovery Act Web site](#).



# Green Initiative Showcase



**August NASCAR Event Weekend  
Friday, August 14 – Sunday, August 16**



Michigan International Speedway has created an EXCLUSIVE AREA in our FAN PLAZA for any company who shares a similar philosophy on green sustainability with us. This is an excellent way to create awareness for an idea, move your product to market, or expand consumer knowledge on your companies green initiatives.

The “Green Zone” also provides a perfect opportunity for new, emerging companies who are devoted to green initiatives to create new business to business opportunities within the industry. Each company will have a 10’ x 10’ space with the option to upgrade to a 10’ x 20’ space for an additional fee.

## Cost:

- \$2,500 - 10’ x 10’ Display**
- \$3,500 - 10’ x 10’ Display with an Acceleration Table**

**For more information please call 517-592-1161**

*Displays will have to be self sufficient \*\*\*NOT OPEN TO COMPETING PARTNERS\*\*\**



## Ways to save with MiDEAL

Every eligible MiDEAL organization will find dozens of contracts available to them. All contracts have been competitively bid, and members can benefit from the volume buying opportunities for products and services such as these:

- Calcium magnesium acetate (CMA)
- Clothing: Boots, high-visibility safety vests, uniforms
- Communication equipment: cellular telephone equipment and service, two-way radios, voice and data cables, pager leasing and service
- Computers
- Copiers
- Data and commercial engineering services
- Defibrillators
- Desktop training
- Disposal services: rubbish, confidential records, hazardous waste, large animal carcasses
- Electrical supplies
- Emergency backup services
- Eyewear (safety and protection)
- Food
- Fuel card services
- Fuel, gasoline and liquid propane
- Furniture and carpeting: carpet tiles and adhesives, file cabinets, open space furniture, chairs
- Fuses and flares
- Hardware and MRO items
- Homeland Security items
- Janitorial and industrial supplies



Governor Jennifer M. Granholm is committed to strengthening opportunities for Michigan business. Her Buy Michigan First directive gives contracting preference to Michigan-based businesses in supplying goods and services to State agencies. Contracts offered to MiDEAL members reflect this ongoing commitment.

- Laboratory supplies
- Lawn and garden equipment
- Mailing equipment
- Medical supplies
- Natural gas supply management
- Office equipment
- Office supplies
- Paint, aerosol marking
- Paper products, disposable
- Pharmaceutical distribution
- Plotter media and engineering supplies
- Police supplies: Ammunition, body armor, portable breath testers
- Printing press and platemaking supplies
- Procurement card program
- Radar and Lidar
- Safety products
- Salt, general and bulk rock
- Sand, ice control
- Scan equipment, live
- Signs
- Snowmobile trail signs
- Supplemental moving supplies
- Tires and tubes
- Traffic signal devices and parts
- Vehicles: Buses, passenger vehicles, patrol vehicles
- Video and audio surveillance systems

## To learn more about MiDEAL

The best place to learn more about MiDEAL is at its Web site: [www.michigan.gov/MiDEAL](http://www.michigan.gov/MiDEAL). The site offers information about the program and its benefits as well as a direct connection to a list of current contracts.

You're also welcome to contact us for more information. Please call or write to:

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## MiDEAL: Boost your buying power with Michigan contracts



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Business owners interested in selling products and services to the State learn more about the contracting process.

## State contracts yield big savings

*With just a few clicks of a mouse, schools, municipalities, nonprofit hospitals and others can scan dozens of contracts that offer high-quality, low-cost supplies and services. Sound like a great deal? It is. It's MiDEAL, Michigan's cooperative purchasing program that helps you save time and money using the State's competitively bid contracts.*

*If you want to streamline your organization's purchasing efforts, keep reading – because we have a deal for you!*

On the cover: Fuel is one of dozens of items available to MiDEAL members.

## About MiDEAL

MiDEAL – Michigan Delivering Extended Agreements Locally – is Michigan's nationally recognized cooperative purchasing program that offers more than 170 competitively bid contracts to its members. Contracts include law enforcement equipment such as ammunition, body armor and patrol vehicles; office equipment such as computers, copiers and modular furniture; facility maintenance materials including janitorial supplies, road salt and lawn and garden equipment; and many others.

Membership in MiDEAL is open to any:

- county, city, township or village
- school district or intermediate school district
- university, college or community college
- nonprofit hospital

## The many benefits of MiDEAL

MiDEAL membership benefits are not limited to hard-dollar savings on goods and services. By using contracts from the State's portfolio, members eliminate administrative duplication by saving time and labor needed to:

- recruit and maintain a diverse pool of suppliers
- process bid requisitions
- write and update specifications
- research industries
- receive, read and evaluate bids
- test products and samples
- make final awards

Once you become a member, every department in your organization can save. Police and fire, libraries, assessment operations,

parks and recreation – all are eligible to take advantage of contract savings.

Purchasing staff in the Department of Management and Budget are available to explain how to maximize your savings. If you like, they'll even send you friendly e-mail updates and reminders.

## Annual member fees

The MiDEAL program is funded through member fees and, in some cases, contract administration fees. Each member pays an annual rate, which is based on population or organization type.

### 2007 MiDEAL Rates

Counties, cities, villages and townships, by population

1-10,000	\$180
10,001-50,000	\$230
50,001-100,000	\$270
100,001-150,000	\$360
150,001-200,000	\$430
200,001 and above	\$510

Colleges and universities	\$270
School districts	\$180
Nonprofit hospitals	\$180
Other	\$180

For educational institutions, the membership period spans the academic year (July-June). For all others, the membership period is the calendar year (January to December).