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## **Federal Stimulus Spending on Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy and Alternative Transportation Programs About to Start Flowing, NASEO Reports**

- *\$16 Billion in Targeted Stimulus Coming Over Time*
- *56 State and Territory Energy Offices Play Key Role in Transforming America's Energy Future*

More than a billion dollars in federal stimulus funding for energy efficiency and other green projects and programs will begin to flow from the federal government to the states in a matter of weeks, reports the National Association of State Energy Officials. This initial funding, part of the federal economic stimulus plan signed into law in February, is being rapidly processed by the U.S. Department of Energy.

Following this initial burst of funding, NASEO expects the pace of federal stimulus spending to accelerate in the next several months as detailed funding plans are reviewed and approved by the energy department.

The National Association of State Energy Officials, based in Alexandria, Va., represents State and Territory Energy Offices. NASEO members, typically designated by governors, are leading state efforts to direct, invest and manage energy spending to maximize its benefit for the economy, including jobs, and the long-term energy future of America.

The federal stimulus plan dedicates \$16 billion in targeted clean energy and energy efficiency spending, including:

- \$3.1 billion for the State Energy Program for energy efficiency, renewable energy and alternative transportation programs;
- \$3.2 billion for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, which is directed to U.S. cities, local governments and states;
- \$5 billion for the Weatherization Assistance Program, which helps low-income people reduce their energy bills by making homes more energy efficient;
- \$4.4 billion for utilities and others involved in development of a national “smart grid” for electricity transmission, delivery and use; and
- \$300 million for State Energy Offices to deliver Energy Star appliance rebates for consumers across every state.

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The stimulus plan also includes funds for other energy efficiency and renewable energy research, development, demonstration and deployment; worker training for green jobs; alternative vehicles; and energy retrofits of federal buildings. These activities will be carried out by the U.S. Department of Energy in partnership with State Energy Offices, local governments, state research and technology institutions, regional energy efficiency organizations and others.

State Energy Offices are directly investing and managing approximately \$3.8 billion of energy spending through the State Energy Program, Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, and Energy Star appliance rebates to consumers.

To learn more about specific funding plans and programs in each state, contact specific State Energy Offices. A complete list of State Energy Offices is accessible at <http://naseo.org/members/states>.

“State and Territory Energy Offices have worked effectively for decades to increase America’s energy efficiency and use of renewable energy,” said David Terry, Executive Director of the National Association of State Energy Officials. “Programs conceived and tested at the state level have become the foundation of national efforts to advance key energy goals. Just as states led the way in creating renewable electricity standards that are being considered for adoption at the national level, states are leading the way on energy efficiency, with transformative effects.”

### **About NASEO**

NASEO members lead America’s State and Territory Energy Offices, which build upon the unique resources of their states and regions to advance key energy goals. State Energy Offices work toward:

- Improving energy efficiency in homes, commercial buildings, industry and agriculture;
- Opening markets for renewable energy, such as solar, wind, geothermal and biofuels;
- Promoting sound residential, commercial and institutional energy building codes;
- Transforming the transportation system by advancing biofuels, plug-in hybrids and other alternative fuels and vehicles;
- Delivering cost-effective and verifiable greenhouse gas emissions savings;
- Developing and testing creative clean energy financing mechanisms, policies and market transformation programs;
- Supporting state research institution innovation of cutting-edge energy technologies; and
- Enhancing energy assurance and energy emergency preparedness.

Other public and private-sector energy organizations are welcome to join NASEO as affiliate members. For more information, visit [www.NASEO.org](http://www.NASEO.org).

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