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**PATT- MCDANIEL, SHANAHAN ANNOUNCE
STATE ENERGY PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY**
\$14 Million in Recovery Act Wind and Solar Resources Mobilized in Ohio

Columbus – Lisa Patt-McDaniel, interim director of the Ohio Department of Development, and Mark Shanahan, energy advisor to Governor Ted Strickland, today announced that the Ohio Department of Development's Ohio Energy Office is accepting applications for \$14 million in funding available through the *Deploying Renewable Energy: Wind and Solar* grant program. This announcement marks the first set of renewable energy grants to be funded through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) in Ohio.

"Ohio has demonstrated a potential to realize significant job growth by deploying renewable energy derived from wind and solar installations," Patt-McDaniel said. "Combined with the aggressive pursuit of energy efficiency through the Recovery Act, Ohio is well-positioned to meet the goals set forth in Governor Ted Strickland's Advanced Energy Portfolio Standard."

The grant program is part of Ohio's \$96 million proposal for the State Energy Program that was accepted on June 26, 2009 by the U.S. Department of Energy. This prompted the release of Recovery Act funds to the state for direct funding of eligible energy projects.

"These grants are a great opportunity to meet the growing interest and use of wind and solar energy across the state," Shanahan said. "By investing in these new technologies, we will create jobs in a growing industry and position Ohio for economic development and future success."

Deploying Renewable Energy: Wind and Solar, a \$14 million program, seeks eligible applicants including individuals, partnerships, companies, and entities that meet the minimum size and other requirements listed in the request for proposal for the installation of qualified solar electric, solar thermal and wind electric technologies. Projects that involve third-party ownership and financing arrangements are also eligible to apply.

Awards will range between \$250,000 and \$1 million and will be selected through a competitive process. All eligible projects must be located within the State of Ohio, include a match investment of a minimum of 50 percent of total costs, demonstrate completion within 12 months, and provide direct economic impacts in Ohio.

Interested applicants must submit a one-page project proposal no later than 5:00 p.m. on September, 21, 2009, at <http://recovery.ohio.gov/opportunities/state/>. If you have already submitted a proposal at you will not be required to submit again. To submit forms on the website, applicants should click "submit your proposal", then choose the program category "Energy and Environment" and the subprogram "State Energy Program". Only projects that have submitted initial proposals to www.recovery.ohio.gov will be considered for formal proposals in response to this request.

Applications are due to the Ohio Energy Office by 3 p.m. on Friday, September 25, 2009.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act State Energy Program will accelerate the goals of renewable energy development in Ohio, including job preservation or creation, increased energy efficiency, and energy assistance to Ohioans impacted by current economic conditions.

For more information about the *Deploying Renewable Energy: Wind and Solar* grant program and requirements, please visit: <http://www.development.ohio.gov/recovery/FundingOpportunities.htm>.

*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. Engaged every day in marketing, deal-making, innovating, investing, and collaborating, the **Ohio Department of Development** works at the speed of business to accelerate and support the teamwork that is absolutely necessary for success by providing financial, informational, and technical assistance to those making an investment 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.*

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