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Cincinnati Receives \$1.5M for Solar Electric Projects From Governor's State Energy ARRA Program Wind and Solar Awards

Cincinnati, Ohio – Governor Ted Strickland announced yesterday that 25 Ohio projects will receive more than \$13 million in grant awards funded through the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's* State Energy Program. Cincinnati received \$1.5 million in Solar Electric Projects for the City of Cincinnati Duke Energy Convention Center, City of Cincinnati Parks, and Greater Cincinnati Water Works. Hamilton County received \$653k for the Ohio Department of Mental Health to install a solar rooftop at the Summit Facility.

US Representatives Betty Sutton and Marcia Fudge, Ohio Department of Development Director Lisa Patt-McDaniel, the governor's energy advisor Mark Shanahan, and other community leaders and elected officials joined the governor to make the announcement.

These renewable energy awards are the first to be awarded from Ohio's \$96 million State Energy Program, which was accepted by the U.S. Department of Energy on June 26th.

Public and private entities will use the funds to install wind electric, solar electric and solar thermal technologies at businesses, schools, parks and other public locations throughout Ohio.

Proposals for *Deploying Renewable Energy: Wind and Solar* component of the program were accepted beginning August 25, 2009. Projects submitted were selected through a competitive review process based on several criteria: project readiness and ability to be completed within 12 months, a matching investment of at least 50 percent, and direct economic impacts to create and retain jobs in Ohio.

Governor Strickland acknowledged that these awards would not have been possible without the support of members of Ohio's Congressional delegation and President Barack Obama for the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act*. By investing in energy, Ohio seeks to create sustainable jobs and retrain workers to enter the expanding 'green' workforce.

Awarded projects meet the federal goals of the Recovery Act's State Energy Program to accelerate renewable energy development in Ohio by creating or preserving jobs and reduce energy usage and greenhouse gas emissions.

The City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County received the following awards for solar energy projects:

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- **City of Cincinnati, Duke Energy Convention Center** (Hamilton County) - \$252,937 to install a 93 kW photovoltaic array rooftop system at the Duke Energy Convention Center.
- **City of Cincinnati Parks** (Hamilton County) - \$451,418 to install a total of 170 kW solar photovoltaic systems at 13 sites in the park system.
- **Greater Cincinnati Water Works** (Hamilton County) - \$775,655 to install a 280 kW photovoltaic solar array rooftop system.
- **Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH), Summit Facility** (Hamilton County) - \$652,932 to install a 232.65 kW solar photovoltaic rooftop system.

For a complete list of awardees, visit: www.development.ohio.gov/recovery/StateEnergyProgram/Awards.htm .