

# Recovery Newsletter Issue # 10

## New York Recovery News

### **NYS Chief Information Officer – Office of Technology - 06.10.2009**

The New York State Council for Universal Broadband held its quarterly meeting on June 9, 2009 with council members focusing on efforts to maximize funds available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to build next-generation broadband networks, support affordable internet connections, and develop digital literacy training programs for low-income households to increase household adoption rates.

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### **New York City - 06.10.2009**

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg today announced the creation of the Recovery Zone Facility Bond Program to provide financial assistance to commercial and industrial projects in all five boroughs that are unable to get traditional financing due to current economic conditions. The program, to be administered by New York City Economic Development Corporation, will be funded by what is expected to be more than \$200 million in funding made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Eligible projects may include the construction of office buildings, large industrial facilities or retail complexes.

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## Federal Recovery News

### **US Department of Agriculture - 06.17.2009**

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the selection of more than \$123 million in water and environmental projects that are being funded immediately through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The projects will help provide safe drinking water and improved wastewater treatment systems for rural towns and communities in 24 states.

New York received four drinking water grants, totaling \$6,674,700, or about 5.4% of the national amount awarded:

- Town of Boston Water District 2, Erie County: \$353,700
- Town of Boston Water District 3, Erie County: \$3,006,000
- Village of Sodus Point, Wayne County: \$2,520,000
- Town of West Sparta, Livingston County: \$795,000

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### **U.S. Department of Commerce - 06.15.2009**

The U.S. Commerce Department's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has announced that it is establishing a financial assistance program to help selected institutions develop and implement a NIST measurement science and engineering fellowship program. The new fellowship program is funded under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009.

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### **US Environmental Protection Agency - 06.02.2009**

EPA issued 2 more nationwide waivers to Buy American provisions for DWSRF construction materials.

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### **US Department of Health and Human Services - 06.16.2009**

#### **National Institutes of Health**

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) is developing an electronic resource, the NCI Clinical Trials Reporting Program (CTRP) Database, to serve as a single, definitive source of information about all NCI-supported clinical research, thereby enabling the NCI to execute its mission to reduce the burden of cancer and to ensure an optimal return on the nation's investment in cancer clinical research. Information will be submitted by clinical research administrators as designees of clinical investigators who conduct NCI-supported clinical research. Deployment and extension of the CTRP Database, which will allow the NCI to consolidate reporting, aggregate information and reduce redundant submissions, is an infrastructure development project that will be enabled by public funds expended pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Comments due July 1, 2009

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### **US Department of Health and Human Services - 06.18.2009**

#### **Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology**

The Health Information Technology (HIT) Committee issued a notice on the Committee's discussions of and draft recommendations for the term "meaningful use" available at <http://healthit.hhs.gov>. Comments will be received by the Committee for consideration and further recommendations to the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology on the elements and measures of Meaningful Use of a certified EHR. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides for Medicare and Medicaid incentive payments for eligible providers, such as physicians and hospitals, in order to promote the adoption of EHRs. To receive the incentive payments, providers must demonstrate "meaningful use" of a certified EHR.

Comments due June 26, 2009.

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### **US Department of Health and Human Services - 06.06.2009**

#### **Health Resources and Services Administration**

HRSA posted a pre-solicitation on FedBizOpps for proposals to provide services to support the SEARCH program (Student/Resident Experiences and Rotations in Community Health) and strengthen systems of care in underserved communities through the development of links between community-based sites and academic institutions. Proposals will be accepted through June 18.

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**US Department of Health and Human Services - 06.16.2009**  
**Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services**

Updated Fact Sheet on Medicare incentives, Medicaid incentives, and frequently asked questions.

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**US Department of Housing and Urban Development - 06.17.2009**

HUD posted a notice correcting the NSP2 NOFA on its Web site. Specifically, the notice corrects the NSP2 NOFA to, among other things, permit NSP2 applicants to use a combined index score to determine whether they meet the geographic targeting threshold requirement, correct section (C) of the eligible activities table, and rescind the aggregate 5 percent purchase discount while leaving the 1 percent discount on individual purchases intact. The notice correcting the NSP2 NOFA is available on the HUD Web site at <http://www.hud.gov/recovery>.

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**US Department of Labor**  
**Employment Standards Administration**

USDOL issued a guidance memorandum and advisory letters providing initial recommendations and guidance regarding the Davis-Bacon Act and Recovery Act funded activities.

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**US Department of Labor - 06.18.2009**  
**Employment Training & Administration**

In response to Section 221(a) of Title II, Chapter 2 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the extension of the Petition and Investigative Forms to Assess Group Eligibility for Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Comments due August 17, 2009.

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**US Department of Labor - 06.16.2009**  
**Employment Training & Administration**

In response to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning States' submission of monthly supplemental reports that are based on program participant data that States already collect.

Comments due August 17, 2009.

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**US Department of Labor - 06.12.2009**  
**Employment Training & Administration**

Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis has announced the award of approximately \$114 million to 183 community groups to provide education and training to young people across the United States. This amount is an initial increment for two years of grant operations. A remaining increment may be awarded pending the availability of additional funding. Among today's awardees, 62 are current Department of Labor YouthBuild grantees, and 121 are new to the department. The YouthBuild program assists out-of-school youth in obtaining their diplomas or GEDs while providing occupational training in the construction industry.

YouthBuild Grants 2009: Recovery Act			
ORGANIZATION NAME	CITY	STATE	INITIAL INCREMENT
South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation	Bronx	NY	\$622,110
United Way of Long Island, Inc.	Deer Park	NY	\$699,600
Board of Cooperative Educational Service of Ulster County	New Paltz	NY	\$519,199
South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation	Bronx	NY	\$622,110

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**US Department of Labor - 06.09.2009**  
**Employment Training & Administration**

Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 State Supplemental Trade Act Training Fund Distributions announced- New York receives \$10,024,485 total: \$8,412,596 in FY 2009 Supplemental Training Distribution; \$1,261,889 in FY 2009 Supplemental Administrative Distribution; \$350,000 for Employment and Case Management Funds.

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**US Department of Transportation - 06.17.2009**

U.S. Transportation Secretary LaHood announced guidelines for receiving economic recovery funds for high-speed rail. The guidelines require rigorous financial and environmental planning to make sure projects are worthy of investment and likely to be successful. The program will offer grants for both planning and construction so that states can apply for funds no matter what stage of development their project is in. The guidance states that proposals will be considered on the merits for their ability to make trips quicker and more convenient reduce congestion on highways and at airports and meet other environmental, energy and safety goals. And it allows the USDOT to actively promote standard specifications for rail cars and other equipment. The Federal Railroad Administration will award the first round of grants by mid-September.

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**US Department of Transportation - 06.17.2009**

On May 18, 2009, the Department of Transportation published an interim notice announcing the availability of funding for TIGER Discretionary Grants (as defined below), project selection criteria, application requirements and the deadline for submitting applications. Because this is a new program, the interim notice also requested comments on the proposed selection criteria and guidance for awarding TIGER Discretionary Grants. The Department considered the comments that were submitted in accordance with the interim notice and has decided to publish this notice revising some elements of the

interim notice.

Applications due September 15, 2009.

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### **US Department of Treasury - 06.12.2009**

As part of the Obama Administration's efforts to stimulate economic growth and jumpstart the availability of financing critical for economic recovery, the U.S. Treasury Department announced \$25 billion in bonds authority available under the Recovery Zone Bonds program. Created by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act), Recovery Zone Bonds are targeted to areas particularly affected by job loss and will help local governments obtain financing for much needed economic development projects, such as public infrastructure development.

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### **Economic Recovery Competitive Grant Opportunities**

A list of Recovery Act competitive grant opportunities is available on New York's Economic Recovery website.

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