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Recovery Act Update June 17, 2009

Senator Sherrod Brown would like you to know about the following opportunities available through the Recovery Act:

- **National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program**
- **Demonstration of Integrated Biorefinery Operations**
- **Industrial Energy Efficiency**
- **Additional Education Reform Funding**

National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program

\$200 million in additional funding is now available through the Recovery Act for the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program (LRP). The funds will support student loan repayments for primary care medical, dental, and mental health clinicians who want to work at the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) sites.

According to information provided by the Department of Health and Human Services, "The program provides \$50,000 (or the outstanding balance of qualifying student loans if less than \$50,000), tax free, to primary care medical, dental and mental health clinicians in exchange for two years of service at an approved site in a Health Professional Shortage Area. Available now through September 2010, or as funding permits, NHSC LRP funds will be awarded on a first come, first served basis.

For more information, or to apply, visit: <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/>

For applicable job vacancies, visit: <http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/programs/nhsc/vacancies.html>

Biomass: Demonstration of Integrated Bio-refinery Operations

To accelerate the development of biomass technologies, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is now accepting competitive grant applications for integrated biorefinery projects (Reference Number: DE-FOA-0000096.) Integrated biorefineries employ various combinations of feedstocks and conversion technologies to produce biofuels and bioproducts.

DOE encourages applications that propose new or breakthrough technologies and demonstrate collaboration among industry, academia, and DOE National Laboratories, FFRDCs (Federally Funded Research and Development Centers) or other government-funded facilities.

Applications are due by June 30, 2009.

For more information, visit: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid>

Industrial Energy Efficiency

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is now accepting competitive grant applications for cost-shared projects that will deploy sustainable energy efficient industrial technologies and energy infrastructure projects (Reference Number: DE-FOA-0000044.) Specifically, this funding can be applied to increasing energy-efficient technologies in the following four areas of interest: 1) Combined Heat and Power; 2) District Energy Systems; 3) Industrial Waste Energy Recovery; 4) Efficient Industrial Equipment. The technologies must provide 25% or greater improvement in energy efficiency over the currently-utilized equipment. The goal of the program is to deploy energy-efficient technologies that will increase our energy security and build markets for skilled clean energy construction and manufacturing jobs. Applications are due by July 14, 2009.

For more information, visit: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid>

Education Reform Funding

On June 10, 2009, Senator Sherrod Brown announced that more than \$1 billion in funds is available from the U.S. Department of Education per the State's successful completion of Part 1 of the State Stabilization Application through the Recovery Act.

In addition to saving jobs at schools, the funding is expected to promote educational reform and provide needed resources to Ohio's colleges and universities. To receive the funding, state officials must evaluate and enact measures to address the quality of classroom teachers, student improvements, college preparedness, standardized tests, and measures to improve underperforming schools.

Before this announcement, Ohio had received \$432 million in education funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Ohio will be eligible to apply for another \$590 million this fall.

For the full press release from the U.S. Department of Education, visit: <http://www.ed.gov/news/pressreleases/2009/06/06102009b.html>

Senator Brown will send out additional Recovery information when available. Visit Senator

*Brown's Recovery website for up-to-date Recovery information:
http://brown.senate.gov/issues_and_agenda/issues/recovery/.*

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