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Governor Rendell Announces Application for \$5 Million Federal Recovery Act Grant to Train, Place Electric Power Sector Workforce

Harrisburg – Governor Edward G. Rendell today said the state has applied for a \$5 million U.S. Department of Energy American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant to provide training and placement services for approximately 1,215 Pennsylvanians seeking careers in the electricity industry.

"Modernizing our electrical grid and related technology is important to the economy, the environment and even our national security," Governor Rendell said. "By developing the training and employment opportunities workers need to be successful in the electric power sector, we will connect employers with job seekers, improve our ability to deliver clean energy to urban centers and protect our valuable infrastructure from degradation or attack."

If awarded, the Pennsylvania Workforce Investment Board, or PA WIB, will use the grant to enhance statewide training and placement efforts for Pennsylvanians in the electric power workforce. The Pennsylvania Center for Green Careers, an arm of the PA WIB, will develop a pipeline of workers who are needed to implement the national clean-energy smart grid. The project will serve the current workforce by providing advanced training as needed and prepare others to join the electric power sector workforce.

For more information about how Recovery Act funds are benefiting Pennsylvania, visit www.recovery.pa.gov.

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