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EIGHT ADVANCED RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS SELECTED \$1.67 Million in Stimulus Funds for Innovative Energy Technologies

LINCOLN – From 49 proposed advanced renewable energy projects requesting more than \$41 million, the Nebraska Energy Office today selected eight projects to receive \$1,676,391 in *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* funds. The projects selected will be matched with \$2,424,375 from the applicants. The eight projects have received a required environmental review and clearance from the U.S. Department of Energy. Three additional projects are still undergoing a federal environmental review. A total of \$5 million was available for projects funded under this solicitation. All 49 proposed projects underwent review by a peer review panel of technical experts prior to approval by the U.S. Department of Energy.

The projects announced today (click on links for more detailed project summaries):

- **AGP Corn Processing in Hastings** will receive \$275,000, matched with \$50,000, to convert waste into a renewable biogas to power their facility.
<http://www.neo.ne.gov/grants/AREP/1001.pdf>
- **Allen Fleischman in Tekamah** will receive \$106,250, matched with \$17,000, to install a pole mounted 14 kilowatt dual track photovoltaic tracking system for agricultural use.
<http://www.neo.ne.gov/grants/AREP/1026.pdf>
- **David DeBoer in Ft. Calhoun** will receive \$10,100, matched with \$3,104, to develop and install a building space heating system to store solar energy.
<http://www.neo.ne.gov/grants/AREP/1019.pdf>
- **Design Plastics in Omaha and Fremont** will receive \$148,000, matched with \$26,800, to install rooftop mounted vertical wind turbines.
<http://www.neo.ne.gov/grants/AREP/1022.pdf>
- **Herd Company Feedlot in Bartlett** will receive \$500,000, matched with \$2,175,300, to install a biomass gasification system at a cattle feedlot.
<http://www.neo.ne.gov/grants/AREP/1015.pdf>
- **Ho-Chunk Community Development Corp. in Winnebago** will receive \$249,780, matched with \$40,000, to install an active tracking solar system on a commercial building.
<http://www.neo.ne.gov/grants/AREP/1008.pdf>
- **Morrissey Engineering in Omaha** will receive \$43,902, matched with \$41,844, to install solar panels on a reflective white roof at its Omaha facility.
<http://www.neo.ne.gov/grants/AREP/1004.pdf>
- **Nebraska Public Power District in Norfolk** will receive \$343,359, matched with \$70,327, to install a 44.1 kilowatt photovoltaic tracking system.
<http://www.neo.ne.gov/grants/AREP/1024.pdf>

More information about the solicitation, the selection and all the applications is at <http://www.neo.ne.gov/grants/energygrants.htm>.

The Nebraska Energy Office was created in 1977 to promote the efficient, economic and environmentally responsible use of energy. It is an authoritative voice and comprehensive resource center for energy issues in the State of Nebraska. In addition, the energy office plays an important role in fostering new growth in our renewable energy industry and helping Nebraska lead the way in the new clean energy economy. For more information, please visit www.neo.ne.gov.