

## Senator Noland's STIMULUS for Energy Conservation

Click here for a detailed [energy update](#) with helpful links from the CMAP staff. It includes the U.S. Department of Energy's new [web page](#) to describe the different energy-related allocations and tax incentives in the ARRA. Also, the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) has a good [breakdown of energy-related allocations](#) from the ARRA, including details on those most relevant to local governments: Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grants, Weatherization Assistance Program, State Energy Programs, Smart-Grid related activities, and Diesel Emission Reduction Act grants.

The DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) has posted more details about their Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants, see: [http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block\\_grants.cfm](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm). Illinois is expected to receive approximately \$134 million from this program.

U.S. EPA's ENERGY STAR office is sponsoring a repeat session of a popular webcast "Make the Most of Your Energy Efficiency Stimulus Funding" on Wednesday, March 18 at noon central time and again at 2:00 p.m. They are also hosting an upcoming webcast "Maximize Stimulus Funding with Performance Contracting and ENERGY STAR" on Tuesday, March 24 at noon central time. For more information, and to register for either of these, please visit <https://energystar.webex.com/mw0305l/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=energystar&service=7>. ☐☐ To view the webcast, [click here](#).

The EPA also hosted a webcast last week, "Using EPA Resources to Maximize Clean Energy in Economic Recovery Spending." If you were unable to listen in, all slides and a recording of the webcast will soon be posted on EPA's State and Local Clean Energy [website](#).

HUD and DOE have [announced a partnership](#) to coordinate the federal weatherization assistance program.

As expected, the state of Illinois will receive nearly \$344 million in Weatherization Assistance Funding and the State Energy Program. This is described in more detail at <http://www.energy.gov/7005.htm> and <http://www.energy.gov/illinois.htm>. ☐☐

U.S. EPA has created a guide for local governments to understand the renewable energy and energy efficiency opportunities available through the ARRA. The guide is online at [http://www.epa.gov/solar/documents/local\\_guide\\_to\\_arra.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/solar/documents/local_guide_to_arra.pdf). ☐☐

ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability has a web page dedicated to

understanding the best way to take advantage of the ARRA funds, including a preparation checklist: <http://www.icleiusa.org/action-center/financing-staffing/stimulus-funding-updates>. □ □

Additional links are provided here on the “Links & Services” page of my website.

With Highest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Noland". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Senator Michael Noland