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168 Projects in Iowa Included in Secretary Vilsack's Announcement Awarding More than \$15 Million in Energy Loans and Grants

Editor's note: The below news release, which contains detailed information about projects in Iowa, is a follow up to a release distributed earlier today by the USDA. The original news release can be found at

www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/_s.7_0_A/7_0_1OB?contentidonly=true&contentid=2009/08/0374.xml

WASHINGTON, August 10, 2009 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that 365 recipients have been selected to receive more than \$15 million in loans and grants to install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements. Dallas Tonsager, Under Secretary for Rural Development, made the public announcement on behalf of Vilsack during a speech today at the Midwest Rural Assembly in Sioux Falls, S.D.

“It is imperative that we secure more self-sufficient energy resources for our country, and these grants will help enable the long-term sustainability that the Obama Administration is committed to,” Vilsack said. “This funding will also help farmers and rural businesses become more efficient and competitive.”

A total of 168 recipients in today's announcement are from Iowa. These projects are receiving \$6,727,748 million in grant and guaranteed loan funds. Below is a listing of Iowa recipients.

The Midwest Rural Assembly focuses on rural economic and community development issues and opportunities, and gives rural residents a chance to speak directly with policymakers about rural policy priorities. Tonsager said the loans and grants announced today are authorized under the Rural Energy for America Program, which was established in the 2008 Farm Bill and is administered by USDA Rural Development. The funds are not part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Additional information on the Rural Energy for America Program may be found at www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/bprogs.htm.

Below is a complete list of the selected recipients. Funding is contingent upon the recipient meeting the conditions of the agreement.

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List of Iowa Recipients:

Iowa

- Eric Johnson; \$11,650 grant
- Bruce Nilges; \$5,895 grant
- Donald Beatty; \$3,247 grant
- Jerry Rochford; \$12,464 grant
- Dean Darling; \$12,460 grant
- Douglas Stadler; \$12,033 grant
- Kix, Inc.; \$11,672 grant
- Joseph Bullerman; \$17,306 grant
- Maurice M. Johnson; \$12,614 grant
- James Rygh, Jr.; \$20,000 grant
- Myron Krauskopf; \$10,581 grant
- Leland Hovey; \$14,986 grant
- Clifton A. Johnson; \$12,500 grant
- Arlin Franzen; \$19,561 grant
- Kurt Dallman; \$12,172 grant
- Monte Rogers; \$7,411 grant
- Kevin K. Kew; \$18,754 grant
- Andy Faaborg; \$7,981 grant
- G. Ronald Franks; \$15,118 grant
- Joe Faga; \$8,484 grant
- Davenport Farms, Inc.; \$12,225 grant
- Thomas J. Hoffman; \$19,881 grant
- Thomas E. Schmidt; \$6,400 grant
- Larry Toenges; \$20,000 grant
- Robert Hemesath; \$19,751 grant
- Gary Dempster; \$12,500 grant
- Michael Sersland; \$16,970 grant
- Thomas Shatek; \$18,235 grant
- Duane Streif; \$19,970 grant
- Bruns Brothers; \$18,138 grant
- Douglas K. Arneson; \$12,395 grant
- John Francois; \$14,645 grant
- Walter Ruth; \$16,441 grant
- Heying Firm, Inc.; \$16,283 grant
- Donald Hatch; \$17,256 grant
- Harry Moeller; \$8,690 grant
- Jim Fuelling; \$16,506 grant
- John Opfer; \$5,490 grant
- Schulz Farm Enterprises, Inc.; \$20,000 grant
- Jennings Landscaping & Farms; \$17,950 grant
- Fox River Mills, Inc.; \$17,837 grant

- Swigert Farms, Inc.; \$20,000 grant
- Kent Schultz; \$18,491 grant
- Jason Zamastil; \$19,511 grant
- Ro-Den-Cris, Inc.; \$18,435 grant
- Rex Lawler; \$19,965 grant
- Ed Ruppenkamp; \$23,029 grant
- James Riesberg; \$20,880 grant
- Steven Gerk; \$33,039 grant
- Richard Eslick; \$37,157 grant
- Jeffrey Jones; \$32,517 grant
- Dick Stark; \$26,741 grant
- James Sladek; \$41,731 grant
- Reuben Hageman; \$19,965 grant
- Randy Welton; \$16,734 grant
- Douglas Petersburg; \$16,060 grant
- Kerri Langreck; \$16,248 grant
- Brock Hansen; \$18,186 grant
- Alan Baumann; \$7,949 grant
- Fleshner Farms, Inc.; \$20,000 grant
- Lowell Unruh; \$8,965 grant
- Mark Palmer; \$3,106 grant
- Adam Walton; \$11,682 grant
- Alphs Farms, Inc.; \$19,540 grant
- Austin Moore; \$18,764 grant
- Brent Carlson; \$19,303 grant
- Chad Heim; \$19,612 grant
- Charles Murphy; \$12,500 grant
- Clair Hengesteg; \$19,847 grant
- D & D Kramersmeier; \$10,700 grant
- Dan Claussen; \$7,750 grant
- Darin Axline; \$19,941 grant
- Darrell Thordsen; \$17,172 grant
- David Patterson; \$18,000 grant
- David Sachs; \$16,945 grant
- Dennis Anderson; \$19,883 grant
- Donald Schmitt; \$19,816 grant
- Douglas Loeffler; \$18,496 grant
- Edward Stoen; \$3,388 grant
- Eric Wemark; \$8,645 grant
- Galen Tietz; \$12,440 grant
- Gary Toenjjes; \$11,978 grant
- Glenn Griffin; \$12,500 grant
- Hayen Farms, Inc.; \$19,795 grant
- Jody Kasal; \$16,705 grant

- K & K, Inc.; \$16,992 grant
- Kelly Christensen; \$19,016 grant
- Kenneth Ries; \$16,920 grant
- Kenneth Timp; \$11,441 grant
- Luther Schutte; \$7,690 grant
- Matt Herrold; \$19,053 grant
- Merle Reicks; \$18,128 grant
- Meythaler Farms, Inc.; \$11,687 grant
- Nicholas Upmeyer; \$8,283 grant
- Randy Patterson; \$17,002 grant
- Richard Recker ; \$18,081 grant
- Richard Trumbauer; \$12,375 grant
- Rolin Holst Farm, Inc.; \$16,977 grant
- Rollin Fink; \$10,450 grant
- Ronald Chambers; \$19,950 grant
- Russell Reth; \$19,922 grant
- S&N Family Farms, Inc.; \$17,625 grant
- Scott Simons; \$11,356 grant
- Thunderbird Farms, Inc.; \$8,300 grant
- Tim Donlon; \$12,250 grant
- Tom Kriener; \$10,080 grant
- West Side Acres, Ltd.; \$11,964 grant
- William Dolan; \$19,792 grant
- William Palmersheim; \$18,938 grant
- Steward Farm; \$44,018 grant; \$44,018 loan
- Joel Seglem; \$26,065 grant; \$26,065 loan
- Midwest Land & Cattle, Inc.; \$49,093 grant; \$49,093 loan
- Ronald J. Pedersen; \$25,602 grant; \$25,602 loan
- Russell W. Kress; \$32,750 grant; \$32,750 loan
- Gene G. Grant; \$27,250 grant; \$54,500 loan
- Mark Birchmier; \$34,171 grant; \$34,171 loan
- Mikel Carstensen; \$26,151 grant; \$28,452 loan
- Gary Reimer; \$46,161 grant; \$73,484 loan
- John J. Hinners; \$42,730 grant; \$42,730 loan
- Verle D. Batz ; \$24,895 grant; \$24,895 loan
- Scott Langley; \$34,629 grant; \$34,629 loan
- Frank Jones; \$39,123 grant; \$58,685 loan
- Steve K. Martens; \$21,802 grant; \$15,408 loan
- Kenneth D. Lund; \$44,305 grant; \$44,305 loan
- Marvin Young; \$28,011 grant; \$56,022 loan
- Gary Kunde; \$47,923 grant; \$47,923 loan
- William Lofstrom; \$26,334 grant; \$26,334 loan
- Shardo Farms, Ltd.; \$37,024 grant; \$37,024 loan
- Raymond Slach; \$42,822 grant; \$42,822 loan

- Marlyn Murra; \$34,531 grant; \$69,063 loan
- Jon Kaiser; \$42,980 grant; \$42,980 loan
- David Vogeler; \$49,494 grant; \$49,494 loan
- Kenneth Bru; \$46,166 grant; \$46,167 loan
- Christopher Soules; \$49,816 grant; \$99,632 loan
- Meier Farm Corporation; \$29,529 grant; \$29,529 loan
- Robert J. Short; \$43,976 grant; \$43,976 loan
- Niehaus, Inc.; \$40,083 grant; \$40,083 loan
- Philip M. Thoma; \$25,799 grant; \$25,799 loan
- John K. Frey; \$45,757 grant; \$45,757 loan
- Sinclair Elevator, Inc.; \$155,863 grant; \$155,864 loan
- Michael Ries; \$28,333 grant; \$28,333 loan
- Scott Wirth; \$38,125 grant; \$38,125 loan
- Steven Schade; \$49,695 grant; \$99,390 loan
- Carstens & Sons Farm; \$48,856 grant; \$48,856 loan
- Bogengrief Studios; \$14,730 grant; \$29,460 loan
- Diamond 28 Family Farm; \$36,143 grant; \$36,143 loan
- Jeremy Johnston; \$21,830 grant; \$21,830 loan
- Jon Nissen; \$28,068 grant; \$56,136 loan
- Robert J. Johnson, \$26,200 grant; \$52,400 loan
- Kenneth Fangman; \$27,783 grant; \$27,783 loan
- Grove Grain, LLC; \$21,418 grant; \$42,836 loan
- Jason Ludwig; \$29,744 grant; \$29,745 loan
- Kevin Moellers; \$49,802 grant; \$99,603 loan
- Steve Eastman; \$44,452 grant; \$88,904 loan
- Mike Wibholm; \$46,578 grant; \$93,156 loan
- Leon Zeien; \$33,321 grant; \$33,321 loan
- James Eckenrod; \$49,953 grant; \$99,907 loan
- Knudtson Enterprises, Inc.; \$27,277 grant; \$27,277 loan
- Wiemers Farms, Inc.; \$22,578 grant; \$22,578 loan
- Bruce Copper; \$32,153 grant; \$32,153 loan
- Northern Country Cooperative Company; \$127,215 grant; \$127,215 loan
- James Martin; \$33,687 grant; \$33,688 loan
- Jerry Marolf and Sons, Inc.; \$35,349 grant; \$35,349 loan
- Keith & Gail, Inc.; \$33,791 grant; \$51,375 loan
- DNA Farm Corporation; \$38,538 grant; \$38,538 loan
- James Ries; \$40,177 grant; \$40,177 loan
- Prairie Ag Cooperative; \$160,252 grant; \$160,252 loan
- Twinam Farms, Ltd.; \$31,822 grant; \$31,822 loan

USDA Rural Development has 11 offices across the state to serve the 1.9 million Iowans living in rural communities. Office locations include a State Office in Des Moines, along with Area Offices in Albia, Atlantic, Humboldt, Indianola, Iowa Falls, Le Mars, Mount Pleasant, Storm Lake, Tipton and Waverly.

Further information on programs available through USDA Rural Development is available by calling (515) 284-4663, visiting any office or at www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia.

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