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44 Projects in Iowa Included in Secretary Vilsack's Announcement Awarding More than \$13 Million in Energy Loans and Grants

So Far in 2009 Iowans Have Received Nearly 40 Percent of Funds Made Available in Nationwide Program

Editor's note: The below news release, which contains detailed information about projects in Iowa, is a follow up to a release distributed earlier this week by the USDA. The original news release can be found at www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/_s.7_0_A/7_0_2KD?contentidonly=true&contentid=2009/09/0417.xml

DECATUR, Ill., Sept. 2, 2009 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the department is providing more than \$13 million in loans and grants for 233 renewable energy projects in 38 states under the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). Dallas Tonsager, Under Secretary for Rural Development, made the announcement on behalf of Vilsack during a speech at the Farm Progress Show.

“Under President Obama’s leadership, USDA is working to increase the availability of renewable energy, which not only will reduce our dependence on foreign oil, but also strengthen our national economy,” Vilsack said. “The funding announced today will help expand renewable energy in America, which is a key part of the nation’s long-term strategy for continued economic prosperity and energy independence.”

A total of 44 recipients in today’s announcement are from Iowa. These projects are receiving \$4,902,112 in grant and guaranteed loan funds. Below is a listing of Iowa recipients.

Earlier this summer the first round of REAP recipients was announced and 168 projects in Iowa received \$6.7 million in guaranteed loan and grant funds.

Through the first two rounds of the program this year 35 percent of the awardees have been Iowa producers and businesses. These producers and businesses have received nearly 40 percent of the funds awarded nationwide. Additional rounds of funding will be announced in the coming weeks.

The loan guarantees and grants can be used for renewable energy systems, energy efficiency improvements, feasibility studies and energy audits. These funds are not part of the American

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Recovery and Reinvestment Act. For more information on the REAP program, which is authorized under the 2008 Farm Bill, please visit www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/farmbill/index.html .

In Story City, Iowa, Milford Wind Energy, LLC, has been selected to receive a \$1.8 million guaranteed loan and a \$500,000 grant to build a 900 kilowatt wind turbine for energy generation. When complete, the turbine is expected to produce nearly 3.3 million kilowatts of electricity annually and generate more than \$200,000 in electricity that will be sold to the local utility company. Construction of the turbine is expected to be completed next year.

The funding of each recipient is contingent upon the recipient meeting the conditions of the grant or loan agreement. Below is a listing of Iowa recipients from this round including name, amount received, location and how the funds will be used.

Christopher J. Schwarck, Riceville, Iowa, \$19,902 grant, grain dryer

Jason Meester, Holland, Iowa, \$18,450 grant, grain dryer

Joe Duwe, Postville, Iowa, \$10,533 grant, grain dryer

Ted Becker, Center Point, \$12,280 grant, grain dryer

Kevin L. Pietig, Carroll, Iowa, \$12,252 grant, grain dryer

Kurt Steinbronn, Maynard, Iowa, \$20,000 grant, grain dryer

Keith Franck, Winthrop, Iowa, \$20,000 grant, grain dryer

Milford Helgeson Farms, Inc., Lake Mills, Iowa, \$20,000 grant, grain dryer

Deutmeyer Farms, Inc., Dyersville, Iowa, \$6,750 grant, grain dryer

Roger Schmitt, Graettinger, Iowa, \$20,000 grant, grain dryer

Neumayer Farm Partnership, Breda, Iowa, \$20,000 grant, grain dryer

Michael L. Haubrich, Arcadia, Iowa, \$20,000 grant, grain dryer

Bruce Schultz, McGregor, Iowa, \$20,000 grant, grain dryer

Boshart & Sons, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, \$20,000 grant, energy efficiency improvements to building

Jason Wiebers, Schleswig, Iowa, \$15,995 grant, grain dryer

Oldham Farms, Inc., Tipton, Iowa, \$19,784 grant, grain dryer

Neil Kruger, Grafton, Iowa, \$19,874 grant, grain dryer

Daniel Bockenstedt, Strawberry Point, Iowa, \$20,000 grant, grain dryer

Leslie Clampitt, New Providence, Iowa, \$20,000 grant, grain dryer

Bates Family Farms Corporation, Washington, Iowa, \$19,992 grant, energy efficiency improvements to turkey barn

Buskohl, Mark, Grundy Center, Iowa, \$19,836 grant, grain dryer

3Fueled, LLC, Cedar Falls, Iowa, \$50,000 grant, biomass feasibility study grant

Lincoln Way Energy, LLC, Nevada, Iowa, \$10,000 grant, biofuels feasibility study grant

Market Management Services, LLC, St. Ansgar, Iowa, \$18,000 grant, wind feasibility study grant

Consumers Energy Cooperative, Marshalltown, Iowa, \$100,000 grant, energy audit grant

Hawkeye Tri-County Electric, Cresco, Iowa, \$100,000 grant, energy audit grant

Alan Laubenthal, Whittemore, Iowa, \$38,722 grant; \$77,444 loan, grain dryer

Ronald Bowman, Coon Rapids, Iowa, \$23,681 grant; \$47,363 loan, grain dryer

Klover Pork, LLC, Radcliffe, Iowa, \$34,302 grant; \$68,604 loan, small wind project

Garry Anstoetter, Epworth, Iowa, \$24,320 grant; \$24,320 loan, grain dryer

Dale Zhorne, Malcom, Iowa, \$38,349 grant; \$38,349 loan, grain dryer

McCool Bros., LLC, Bayard, Iowa, \$30,971 grant; \$31,141 loan, grain dryer

Steven Mummelthei, Waverly, Iowa, \$39,313 grant; \$78,625 loan, small wind project

Jack D. Moulds, Fairbank, Iowa, \$49,982 grant; \$99,964 loan, grain dryer

Dean & Sandra, Inc., Bloomfield, Iowa, \$27,388 grant; \$27,388 loan, grain dryer

Michael Blake, Aurelia, Iowa, \$49,121 grant; \$49,121 loan, grain dryer

Danny Newell, Anita, Iowa, \$41,559 grant \$41,559 loan, grain dryer

Jay R. Clasing, Ruthven, Iowa, \$155,794 grant; \$311,588 loan, grain dryer

Steve Robinson, Mechanicsville, Iowa, \$27,500 grant; \$27,500 loan, grain dryer

Milford Wind Energy, LLC, Story City, Iowa, \$500,000 grant; \$1,831,820 loan, large wind

Seuntjens Farm, Partnership, Kingsley, Iowa, \$37,240 grant; \$37,240 loan, grain dryer

Daniel Lonnevik, Meservey, Iowa, \$31,912 grant, \$63,824 loan, grain dryer

D J Keehner Farms, Inc., Monona, Iowa, \$25,678 grant; \$25,678 loan, grain dryer

Franzen Brothers, Waucoma, Iowa, \$50,000 grant; \$66,750 loan, small wind project

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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