

Economic Progress

Pennsylvania has already invested \$1 billion from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act putting people to work on roads and bridges, upgrading water systems, investing in alternative energy and providing health care, Governor Edward G. Rendell told Vice President Joseph R. Biden.

“We are making good on our promise to put people to work rebuilding the state’s economy with wise and efficient use of recovery dollars,” Governor Rendell said during a return trip to the Route 34 bridge near Carlisle on the first day of its reconstruction. “There will be 30 people working on this bridge in the coming months, including some workers who had been laid off.”

Pennsylvania beat by a month the Recovery Act June 29 deadline for obligating a significant portion of its transportation funding.

“I have directed PennDOT to have all of these critically needed Recovery Act contracts in place by the end of August — again far exceeding the federal deadlines.

“The \$1 billion in Recovery Act money we’ve invested so far is doing much more than funding bridge and road repairs. We’ve invested that money in upgrading water systems in 26 counties, extending unemployment benefits for 100,000 people, training workers, providing child care to 4,000 more kids, funding cutting-edge alternative energy projects, and providing health care,” Governor Rendell said.

“Yesterday, I announced that we would use stimulus funds to create more than 3,580 affordable rental units and, combined with other federal funds for neighborhood stabilization, put 3,000 people to work in construction and related jobs.”

Pennsylvania is the first state to take the Recovery Act-

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What’s going on Next Week.....

“Intro to CareerLink Services”

Presented by Kim J.

Tue, June 16th 10:00-11:00 am

“Mock Interviews”

Presented by Kim J.

Tue, June 16th , 1:00-2:00 pm

“Career Exploration”

Presented by Kim J.

Wed, June 17th, 9:00-2:30 pm

“Legal Barriers to Employment”

Presented by Attorney’s from North Penn Legal Services

Thur, June 18th 10:00-11:00 am

“Computer Basics

Presented by Ken O.

Fri., June 19th, 9-10:00 am

funded First Time Homebuyer Tax Rebates and convert them into immediate cash to help families make the down payments on their homes.

The Recovery Act road and bridge funding, combined with Governor Rendell's "Rebuild Pennsylvania" initiative which started last year means Pennsylvania will be investing nearly \$3 billion this year putting people to work — more than any other single-year investment.

"Recovery Act funding is making a difference in these tough economic times, and Pennsylvania has moved quickly to invest these dollars to put people to work on road and bridge repair projects," Governor Rendell said."

He outlined Pennsylvania's progress on recovery-funded transportation investments. To date, PennDOT has:

- obligated \$384 million for road and bridge projects;
- opened bids on 131 Recovery contracts worth more than \$300 million;
- awarded 108 Recovery contracts worth more than \$200 million; and
- started work on 78 projects worth \$168 million.

"Already, these efforts are paying off," the Governor said. "We have hundreds of people working and for the first time in memory, we saw a reduction in the number of structurally deficient bridges this year — from a peak of 6,034 late last year to 5,911 in March."

EVERYONE WINS!



Foreclosed homes in Monroe County; blighted former industrial sites in Wilkes-Barre; and other areas in northeastern PA will be turned into 230 units of affordable housing with the award of more than nearly \$30 million in federal economic recovery funds to Northeastern PA. The following is specifically earmarks for **Monroe County**:

Neighborhood Stabilization Program

- Monroe County will receive \$825,000 to buy, rehab and resell foreclosed homes in Mt. Pocono, Stroudsburg, and East Stroudsburg. Five units will be sold to households all at or below 50% AMI. The county plans to use Monroe County Habitat for Humanity in the rehabilitation of these homes.

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency funding

- White Stone Commons will receive \$8,352,391 for the development of 72 units.
- Limekiln Manor will receive \$5,095,483 for the development of 40 units.

Happy June Birthday.....



Nancy Henry

Blanca Ortiz

Lorelei Sands





TEAMOLOGY

TEAM: A number of persons associated together in work or activity to perform a common goal.

CareerLink

Administration TEAM



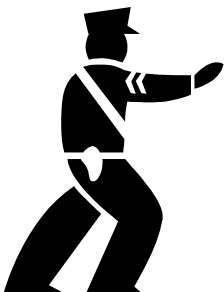
Time to Get Teed Off!! The Pocono Mountains Hospitality Golf Scholarship, in partnership with the Pocono Mountains Visitors Bureau and PA CareerLink Monroe County, will be held July 1st, 2009 at Skytop Lodge. Proceeds from this tournament will benefit local students who will be entering post-secondary education in the field of Hospitality and Tourism. We are still seeking golfers and sponsors for the tournament. Call 570-620-2960 for information.

Customer Information & Resource TEAM



Do You Have Legal Employment Questions?...A Criminal Record?...Are You an Ex Offender? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, plan to attend “**Legal Barriers to Employment**” on Thursday, June 18, 2009 at 10:00 am at the **PA CareerLink Monroe County**. This program is presented by Attorney’s from North Penn Legal Services Inc. Call 570-620-2850 or register in person at the **CareerLink** office.

Veterans Affairs



Veterans’ benefits help available. A representative from the Governor’s Veterans Outreach and Assistance Center will be at the **Monroe County CareerLink on Monday, June 22nd from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm** to help veterans, their spouses and family members who have questions about VA Benefits and services He will be available to help with issues such as pension, health care, prescriptions, records, medals, education nursing care, burial, PTSD or Agent Orange. All veterans, peacetime and wartime are welcome. Appointments are not required. Vets should bring a copy of their discharge from the service or Form DD-214.

The Monroe County CareerLink and Tobyhanna Army Depot will be hosting a “Career Transition Seminar” for veterans on Thursday, June 25th from 10 am-2 pm. Learn how to translate your career experience from the military to civilian employment. Acquire the knowledge to navigate and apply for Department of the Army federal employment through the Civilian Personnel on-line (CPOL) site for resumes. If you need further information, please see **Charlie Montalbano** of the **CareerLink Veterans Unit**.



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