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Clean Energy Works Oregon is a new not-for-profit organization established to finance and deliver an energy efficiency building retrofit program that will create 1,300 quality jobs over the next three years. Clean Energy Works received \$20 million of competitive American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding and will leverage these funds to transform the energy efficiency finance sector by catalyzing \$120 million of economic activity, helping to create a self-sustaining industry that consistently produces high-quality jobs.

Clean Energy Works Oregon builds on the successful Clean Energy Works Portland pilot program, funded with an initial investment of \$1.1 million of stimulus funding from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program. By fall 2010, the pilot phase will have retrofit 500 homes in Portland, creating quality construction jobs today and ensuring energy savings for homeowners for decades to come. To date, wages paid to construction workers average \$26.87/hour, and more than 50 percent of hours worked have been completed by women or people of color.

Clean Energy Works Oregon brings together a statewide coalition of public and private partners including the City of Portland, Energy Trust of Oregon, ShoreBank Enterprise Cascadia, utilities, home performance contractors and many others.

Average in-home investments equal \$10,000, with work ranging from insulation to new furnaces and water heaters. Loan payments are partially or fully covered by energy savings, thereby minimizing debt burden on consumers and increasing the value of their homes. Homeowners across a variety of income levels have access to low-interest financing.

A centerpiece of the Clean Energy Works Portland pilot was a Community Workforce Agreement, led by City of Portland in partnership with Green For All, and signed by community-based organizations, faith-based groups, independent contractors and organized labor, including Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA). The Agreement ensures highly-skilled workers receiving family-supporting wages and access to affordable health coverage, as well as economic opportunities for historically underserved populations. Clean Energy Works Oregon will build on this agreement.

The Clean Energy Works Oregon scale-up effort will build on the pilot by expanding throughout the Portland metropolitan region and into rural and urban communities across the state. Offerings will extend to small and large commercial buildings, as well as additional measures like solar and windows, creating new job opportunities across many building trades and manufacturing sectors.

Key activities over the next three years include:

- Creating at least 1,300 high-quality jobs
- Driving demand for energy efficiency retrofits so that at least 6,000 homes and multiple large commercial buildings are retrofitted
- Attracting at least \$100 million in private capital and other resources
- Supporting contractors, including historically underutilized firms, to grow their businesses
- Developing a highly-trained workforce that enables career pathways for historically underserved populations
- Expanding manufacturing jobs throughout the growing energy efficiency supply chain
- Creating a self-sustaining, scalable business model that can be replicated across the country

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