

# Business Partners Met in Henderson

Rebuild America Business Partners were put to the test on June 13 at the Business Partners Forum in Henderson, NV. At the invitation of the City of Henderson leadership, the Business Partners rolled up their sleeves and contributed some “real life” energy-efficiency and renewable solutions for the City of Henderson, one of Nevada’s fastest growing communities.

The downside to the City’s accelerated rate of growth is that energy demands are likely to outpace supplies, and Mayor Jim Gibson and Rebuild Henderson leader Skeet Fitzgerald and other local leaders are looking to the Business Partners to help them stay on course.

The Business Partners also met with the Rebuild Presidio partnership about the need to retrofit over 600 buildings on the grounds of the former Presidio military base in San Francisco. And the Town of Grundy

(VA) partnership, which is relocating its downtown to keep it safe from flooding, similarly consulted with the Business Partners about the resources required to implement its ambitious plan. (See p. 1 story in this issue.) The forum also explored how Business Partners can work with Native American tribes on energy efficiency and renewable technologies.

“The forum was structured in working groups where participants met face-to-face to address challenges,” Business Partners Team Leader Doug Avery says.

Business Partners are currently forming three working groups to address technical issues, promote awareness and education, and to develop projects to facilitate working relationships with Rebuild America partnerships.

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