



## The Rebuild America July Flash Report

“Good News from America’s Cities and Towns”

Here is your latest edition of the Rebuild America Flash Report. This report is delivered via e-mail or fax to all Rebuild America program team members and the main contacts of all Rebuild America partnerships. The

Flash Report is becoming a great resource for partnerships and others within Rebuild to keep up to date with all the events and happenings going on across the country.

Please share your news with us! There is always room for another story!

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Note: Be sure to include your name and contact information with any submissions. Information used in the Flash Report may be included in Rebuild America weekly reports to the US Department of Energy.

### **New Partnerships:**

Kansas Corporation Commission  
Alabama Department of Economic & Community Affairs  
Rebuild Randolph & Tucker Counties, WV  
Clark County School District, Nevada  
Economic Development Company, Sonora, California  
Southern Sustainability Task Force, Carbondale, Illinois  
Rebuild Bradley County, Arkansas

### **New Rebuild America Partnerships Aim For High Marks**

**Clark County School District** is the fastest growing school district in the country. The district has 229 schools representing nearly 20 million square feet. Initial plans are to perform energy retrofits on the existing schools and to develop a model for alternative energy and energy-efficiency applications that can be used in the design of new school buildings. Clark County officials plan to fund the construction of 88 new schools during the next 10 years through a \$2 billion bond issue.

**Southern Sustainability Task Force** has joined Rebuild America as a new partnership in Carbondale, Illinois. The Task Force was created by Southern Illinois University to identify and solve energy efficiency and environmental challenges on the campus. The Task Force will take the lead in implementing a partnership and as a first step plans to retrofit Southern Illinois University’s student center.

### **Rebuild America Work Heats Up in North Carolina**

The **Rebuild Asheville, North Carolina** partnership completed work in May 1999 on the Mountainside Apartments, a 100-unit low income multi-family housing complex. The goal was to increase the availability of affordable and quality housing and to support the neighborhood's effort to improve their community. The complex received energy efficient window replacements, heat pumps, electrical and plumbing upgrades, interior upgrades, construction for heating systems and exterior improvements. Contact David Jones, Executive Director, Asheville Housing Authority- (828) 258-1222.



Rebuild America. Contact Ted Alexander, Uptown Shelby Association - (704) 484-3100

## **Rebuild America Makes Front Page News!**

The **Rebuild Shelby, North Carolina** partnership celebrated the addition of a downtown business partner on June 3, 1999 by holding a ribbon cutting ceremony featured on the front page of *The Cleveland Observer*, on Monday, June 21, 1999. The Emma Lew Clothing Company followed several Rebuild America recommendations in regards to retrofitting the existing interior and exterior lighting with energy efficient lighting. Ted Alexander, Executive Director of the Uptown Shelby Association was on hand to promote

## **Rebuild America Awarded!**

**Mike MacDonald, Higher Education Sector Manager for Rebuild America**, received an APPA Strategic Partner Award from the Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers (APPA). This award was given at their annual meeting in Cincinnati in June for the role that Rebuild America is playing in APPA's efforts to upgrade campus facilities and increase their energy efficiency.

## **1999 Rebuild America National Forum Confirms Support and Speakers**

Registrations and sponsor applications are steadily rolling in for the 1999 Rebuild America National Forum, August 9-11 in Las Vegas, NV. Forum sponsorships have increased 350% over last year's conference. This support enables Forum organizers to extend scholarships, pay speaker stipends and arrange more Forum activities for participants. Check out <http://www.eren.doe.gov/buildings/rebuild>

Representatives from Rebuild America community-based partnerships will attend technical and organizational workshops, plenary sessions and specialty seminars and hear from over 70 expert speakers during the three-day meeting. Confirmed plenary speakers include Mark Ginsberg, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Building Technology, State and Community Programs; Mark Bailey, National Program Manager for Rebuild America; John Schaeffer, CEO of Real Goods Trading Company; and Huey Johnson, President of Resource Renewal Institute, and former California Secretary of Natural Resources. The Energy Champion Awards, Energy Excellence Awards and Industry Partner program are also Forum highlights. Contact Wendi Kamtman, D&R International, Ltd - (301) 588-9387

## **Nevada Power launches web site for Rebuild America Partners!**

Everyone knows that two together can accomplish more than just one alone, but a network of partnerships can accomplish even more. That's why Nevada Power Company has been such a driving force behind the creation of the **Rebuild Nevada** program. Nevada Power Company understands that successful partners share not only a common goal, but common values as well. As with all great partnerships, the Rebuild Nevada program was created out of a common desire to strengthen and enhance the communities of Nevada. To help promote the work of Rebuild Nevada, Nevada Power launched a web site <http://www.Nevadapower.com/rebuildnv/index.html> in July 1999 showcasing their Rebuild America partner projects.

## **Rebuild Partnership holds Training Course**

**State of Wisconsin Rebuild Partnership** held a training session for the City of Milwaukee's Department of Neighborhood Services. The training session covered retrofitting and construction of low income housing. Representatives from Argonne National Lab hosted the training the week of July 12th.

## **DOE Commends Developers of New Rural Energy Center!**

Rebuild America sends congratulations to one of its newest partners, the **Sonora Economic Development Corporation (EDC)** in Sonora, CA. The EDC, along with utility giant Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E), dedicated the Sierra Energy Center on Thursday, July 14 during a ribbon-cutting followed by public tours. The Energy Center is part of a comprehensive economic development bureau promoting rural energy efficiency education, training and other opportunities. By highlighting the most advanced technologies and acting as a training center, the Sierra Energy Center will serve this - and other - communities by showing the vital link between energy savings, economic development and the environment.

State and local elected officials, representatives of PG&E and Rebuild America attended the ribbon-cutting. To commemorate the event, the Department of Energy sent framed certificates of recognition, signed by Assistant Secretary Dan Reicher, to EDC and PG&E. Rebuild America hopes to collaborate further with PG&E, which plans to support approximately ten rural energy and economic development centers in its service territory.

## **Summer School in D.C. Gets Cool**

If going to summer school isn't enough, how about having to go when it's 105 degrees inside your classroom? District of Columbia summer school students were facing such a dilemma as summer school began. Now students can relax and learn in a cool classroom because of Rebuild America. The **Rebuild D.C. Public Schools** partnership was tapped to coordinate the procurement and installation of 1,000 MovinCool air conditioner units into the 75 schools being used for summer classes. The 14,000 BTU portable air conditioners, have an energy efficiency rating of 10.8 and were purchased with funding from the D.C. School District. Contact Daron Coates, (202) 434-4517

## **Rebuild Kewanee Partnership Signs on New Partner!**

**Rebuild Kewanee Partnership** formed recently in February 1999 has just signed on a new partner - **City of Kewanee**. The City of Kewanee is currently working with the partnership to define their Rebuild America activities but has committed to performing lighting retrofits. Kewanee, Illinois has approximately 13,000 people in the community. The Rebuild Kewanee Partnership also includes the Kewanee Chamber of Commerce, Daisy's Bed & Breakfast, Henry County Public Housing and Illinois Power. Contact Mark Mikenas (309) 852-2175

## **Tell Us More:**

Let your colleagues know what you are up to by submitting material for the Rebuild America Flash Report. It's easy - e-mail Alex Zartman at [alexz@drintl.com](mailto:alexz@drintl.com). No story is too big or too small! We'll write it up and shoot it out to over 300 individuals who want to hear what's new and innovative in Rebuild America communities at work.

Hope to hear from you soon!