



The Rebuild America October 1999 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.

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### **New Partnerships**

- Washoe County Energy Management Program, Reno, (NV)
- Lyon County School District, Yerington, (NV)
- University of New Mexico, Physical Plant Department, (NM)
- Rebuild Mississippi County, (MS)
- Carson Valley Inn, (NV)
- Southern Sustainability, (IL)
- Washoe County Energy Management Program, Reno, (NV)
- Lyon County School District, Yerington, (NV)
- University of New Mexico, Physical Plant Department, (NM)
- Rebuild Mississippi County, (MS)
- Carson Valley Inn, (NV)
- Southern Sustainability, (IL)
- City of Reno Fire Department, Reno (NV)
- City of Garden City, Garden City, (ID)
- Western Nevada Community College (NV)
- Washington D.C. Housing Authority, District of Columbia
- City of Fulton, (IL)

## **Recognition Abounds in the City of Brotherly Love**

**Rebuild Philadelphia** will recognize the individuals and organizations that contributed to the success of the city's first Rebuild America project, the Northeast Regional Library. The event will occur on October 29th at the Philadelphia City Hall and will recognize Creative Woodworking Company, Julie Longo Associates Inc., Eastboard Consoles Inc., and NBC 10. In addition, the Philadelphia Regional Office will present the 1999 Rebuild America Energy Excellence Award in Community and Local Government to the City Energy Office for their efforts to promote energy efficiency. The event will feature Mayor Ed Rendell, Assistant Secretary of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Dan Reicher (invited), U.S. Department of Energy's Philadelphia Regional Office, community leaders, local and national media. For more information please contact Susan Guard, (215) 656-6965.



Philadelphia's Northeast Regional Library

## **National Head Start Facilities Conference Satellite Broadcast Now Available On-line**

The Rebuild America message was presented at the National Head Start Facilities Conference in Nashville, TN, September 27-29 at the invitation of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regional office in Atlanta. Vicki Heidinger, leader of **Rebuild Asheville, NC** and Rebuild America staff members Larry Schoff and Ron Shelton, hosted a 3 hour session on energy efficient design and renovation applicable to Head Start facilities. In addition, Vicki Heidinger, Executive Director of the Opportunity Corporation, participated in a 90 minute satellite broadcast to discuss the Asheville Head Start program and the successful revitalization of a 1950's school building, now attended by 120 children. This project was recently awarded the 1999 Energy Excellence award for K-12 at the Rebuild America National Forum, held in Las Vegas NV. Also during the satellite broadcast, Stephen Golightly, Region IV Health and Human Services Director, announced a strategic alliance between Rebuild America and Head Start Programs throughout the 8-state southeastern region. As a national program, Head Start provides comprehensive developmental services for over 800,000 low-income, preschool children ages three to five. In Region IV, the 250 existing Head Start programs have reached an enrollment of 150,000 children and have an estimated total need of \$100 million to renovate and expand facilities in the next five years. Rebuild America will work with Region IV's Quality Improvement Center to achieve quality environments with energy savings, and to help extend those benefits to their respective communities. The telecast was down linked to forty states nationwide and a rebroadcast may be viewed at the [www.ibtv.net/fac](http://www.ibtv.net/fac) utilizing Real Player software. The rebroadcast will be available for 60 days. For more information contact Ron Shelton at 423-576-7324, e-mail [srl@ornl.gov](mailto:srl@ornl.gov).

## **Rebuild Albuquerque Launch at the Rio Grande High School to Highlight Local Activities**

Albuquerque's Rio Grande High School, on the verge of becoming an EnergySmart School, is in the process of beginning a district wide energy retrofit project. Doug Avery, one of Rebuild America's lighting experts, presented a full day, five-class lecture, the week of September 27th, 1999, on what types of lighting retrofits could be done in the classroom and what the economics of the various options



Doug Avery, Rebuild America lighting expert, presenting to Albuquerque Rio Grande High School students.

would be. Mr. Avery engaged the free services of four Rebuild America's Business Partners--Onsite Sycom, Lithonia, NORESCO, and Watt Stopper-- to retrofit four classrooms. The Rio Grande students will witness, and sometimes participate in, the work done by contractors to conduct energy audits, lighting retrofits, and monitoring. Students will then post energy savings on the Internet. In these processes, they will gain a better understanding of current energy use, new energy technologies, the reasons for the retrofits, energy savings, and the concept of project management.

A one-hour **Rebuild Albuquerque** Launch ceremony to announce this partnership's activities is planned to coincide with the P2 (Pollution Prevention) Conference, scheduled for November 15th - 19th. Assistant Secretary, EERE, Dan Reicher will be invited to attend the Launch on Tuesday, November 16, and to meet with the students and Business Partners involved with the Annex D retrofit projects. All attendees will tour the retrofitted classrooms. The students will give a 5-10 minute presentation to Assistant Secretary Reicher at the one-hour Launch ceremony. For more information, contact Doug Hinrichs at (301) 588-9387 or e-mail [dough@drintl.com](mailto:dough@drintl.com).

## **Opportunities for Public Housing**

**Rebuild Ohio**, the **Stark Metropolitan Housing Authority** and **FirstEnergy Corporation** will be hosting a Public Housing Conference on November 15- 16<sup>th</sup> in Canton, Ohio. The focus is on opportunities to improve the living conditions by reducing operating costs through energy efficient solutions. The targeted audience includes managers of area public housing, city planners, weatherization agencies, business leaders and other Rebuild America partners. For more information contact Manny Anunike at 614-466-6797.

## **Rebuild Niagara Frontier Holds Strategy Meeting**

On October 13, 1999 NYSERDA held the **Rebuild Niagara Frontier** initial partnership formation meeting. In attendance were Kirk Bond, Jeff Brown and Greg Davoren of the Rebuild Program, Rick Gerardi, Bill Reinhardt, Lee Smith, and Peggie Neville from NYSERDA. Director Hugh Saussy from the U.S. Department of Energy Boston Regional Office also attended. There were approximately 35 participants, including representatives from the Erie County Executives Office and the Mayor of Buffalo's Office. Others present represented the following organizations: builders, State University of New York at Buffalo, lenders, legislative aides, the Board of Education, New York Power Authority, several ESCOs, Niagara Mohawk, New York State Electric and Gas. The meeting stimulated a great deal of interest and led to brainstorming sessions identifying issues important to the region and opportunities to make an impact. Opportunities included 5 school buildings, a Convention Center, a County Courthouse, and Student Center all slated to be built in the coming year. There will be a follow up meeting of Rebuild Niagara Frontier scheduled for November 10, 1999. Details of specific building

projects will be the focus. For more information contact Cara Applegate, at (301) 588-9387 or e-mail [capplegate@drintl.com](mailto:capplegate@drintl.com).

### **Long Island Interested in Joining Rebuild America**

On October 28, 1999 NYSERDA officials are scheduled to meet with a group of key players interested in forming a Rebuild America partnership on Long Island. Organizations who will be attending the meeting include: Long Island Power Authority, Long Island Association (a business association), the City of Glen Cove, the Town of Hempstead, Nassau Suffolk Hospital Council, Pace Energy, Sempra, and the New York Energy Efficiency Council. For more information contact Cara Applegate, at (301) 588-9387 or e-mail [capplegate@drintl.com](mailto:capplegate@drintl.com).

### **Rebuild America Featured in Albuquerque Tribune!**

On September 30th 1999, the Albuquerque Tribune featured an article titled "Students learn energy savings from DOE expert". Rio Grande High School students conducted a lighting audit of their classroom led by Doug Avery, a program representative for the U.S. Department of Energy's Rebuild America program. Avery explained costs, benefits and payback possibilities through the use of energy-efficient lighting for the high school's Annex D building. Public Service Company of New Mexico installed separate electric and gas meters for Annex D, allowing students to monitor energy use before and after lighting retrofits.

### **Rebuild America Represented at Affordable Housing Press Conference**

Mike Myers, Denver Regional Rebuild America Program Representative, spoke October 14th at a local press conference for affordable housing. The City of Austin, TX asked Myers to represent DOE programs and speak on affordable housing and energy efficiency. The City of Austin, home of the very successful "Green Building" program, has pushed to build more affordable housing. The event highlighted a series of housing related activities in the City of Austin over the next several days. Weekend events included "Raise the Roof," an event designed to help build affordable housing sponsored by HUD; the "Cool House Tour," a tour of energy efficient and "green built" homes sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy; and a press event to announce the sale of 14 affordable homes. Each home was built by local builders who paid a \$1 to the city per lot. The builders promised to sell the finished home for less than \$65,000. The homes meet at least one green star rating as part of the city's green building rating system. All homes have a minimum of a 12.0 SEER AC system, sealed ducts with mastic, and either brick or Hardiplank siding. Speakers included City Council member Gus Garcia, Director of Housing and Neighborhood Development; and HUD Community Builder Laurence Doxsey, representing one of 14 home builders. For more information contact Mike Myers at 512-263-2924 or e-mail [mt4myers@aol.com](mailto:mt4myers@aol.com).

### **DOE helps Tucson Be EnergySmart!**

The U.S. Department of Energy announced last week that it will help fund the Tucson, Arizona (AZ) Unified School District, to develop and demonstrate an innovative model for integrating solar photovoltaic energy systems into school buildings and education programs. The project will include the installation of 4-kilowatt photovoltaic systems at a Tucson middle and high school and the development of a curriculum for "solar learning opportunities." Rebuild America representatives will be working with the City of Tucson to incorporate the schools effort into a citywide energy effort. For more information, see the DOE press release at <http://home.doe.gov/news/releases99/octpr/pr99274.htm>.

## **Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) Conference**

The Rebuild America message was presented at the annual national conference for the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) in Orlando, Florida, October 17th - 19th . Rebuild America staff member Larry Schoff discussed revitalizing America's K-12 schools through the reinvestment of energy savings. ASBO represents over 6,000 members employed in public and private school entities and state departments of education. For additional information please contact Larry Schoff, at 540-961-2184 or e-mail [lschoff@bellatlantic.net](mailto:lschoff@bellatlantic.net).

## **State Briefings to College & University Officials**

Rebuild America, in conjunction with the Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers (APPA), the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO), and EPA, will be presenting executive briefings to chief business and facilities officers of higher education institutions in three states - Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina. These day-long briefings will help educational institutions understand, establish, and implement a plan of action to address critical facilities and infrastructure needs through reinvestment of energy savings. Facilitators for these state events are drawn from APPA and NACUBO memberships, Rebuild America and EPA staffs, and associated Business Partners. Dates and locations are: October 26<sup>th</sup> in Amherst, MA, hosted by the University of Massachusetts; November 9<sup>th</sup> in Harrisburg, PA, hosted by the State System for Higher Education (SSHE); and November 17 in Buies Creek, NC, hosted by Campbell University. For more information contact Mike MacDonald at 423-574-5187 or e-mail [khm@ornl.gov](mailto:khm@ornl.gov).

## **Investing in Rebuild Makes Good Business Sense**

The **City of Jackson, Mississippi**, a Rebuild America partnership, awarded one of their local downtown businesses, **Amerimail Direct, Inc.**, eight thousand dollars for additional building improvements to their latest office under their Facade Matching Grant Program. The 10,000 square foot building, approximately 35 years old, had deteriorated and was becoming an eyesore for the downtown district since being vacated by the previous owner. Local business champion, Mark J. McCreery, president of Amerimail Direct, Inc., needed to expand his business into a third building, so he bought the building in October 1998. McCreery invested over \$300,000 in renovations that included a complete interior redesign, additional doorways, improved lighting, new fencing and landscaping. Since the renovations have been completed, the energy costs have decreased from \$1,750 per month to \$750.00 per month, a cut of over 60 percent. For more information contact Susan Gardner at 301-588-9387 or e-mail at [susang@drintl.com](mailto:susang@drintl.com).

## **Rehabilitation Workshop**

The Chicago Rehabilitation Network with the participation of HUD, DOE, EPA, and the Illinois DCCA is sponsoring a 2-day workshop on November 3rd and 4th, 1999 in Chicago Illinois. The focus will be on proper work practices and energy efficiency and will cover new laws governing the removal of lead and asbestos. Leading local experts will present valuable information concerning energy efficiency. There will also be a site visit to examine actual rehabilitation practices. The workshop has attracted the international attention. Professor Jiang Liang of the Department of Architecture and Dalian University of Technology in Dalian City, Liaoning Province China, has asked to attend. For more information contact James Cavallo, Argonne National Laboratory at 630-252-8688 or e-mail [cavallo@anl.gov](mailto:cavallo@anl.gov).

## **Performance Contracting Workshops**

On November 4-5, 1999 **Rebuild America Financial Services** will sponsor two workshops as part of the New Hampshire Municipal Association's Annual Conference. Each workshop will focus on saving money and energy in public buildings by developing, financing and implementing energy-efficiency upgrades. November 4th 's workshop will be a short 1 hour session whereas November 5th's will be an in-depth day-long workshop. Performance contracting as well as conventional approaches will be addressed along with several case studies. The location for both of these sessions will be the Center of New Hampshire /Holiday Inn conference center in downtown Manchester, NH. Audience: NH Municipal Association of Schools and Towns, School administrators, public sector, state and local government employees. For registration information, please contact Kirk Stone, Governor's Office of Energy and Community Services, 57 Regional Drive, Concord, NH 03301 tel: 603-271-2676 or [kstone@gov.state.nh.us](mailto:kstone@gov.state.nh.us).

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Hope to hear from you soon!