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375 Recipients Receive \$17.5 Million for Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Projects

On Wednesday, August 30, United States Department of Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns announced the recipients of the Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements Program, Sec. 9006 of the 2002 Farm Bill (P.L. 107-171). Of the total 375 project awards, were efficiency projects and 122 were renewable energy projects. These awards are in addition to the 12 grant and guarantee loan recipients announced on August 8th ([see EESI release for more information](#)). This represents a significant increase in the number of grants awarded, but a decrease in the average size of the grant awards. There were 619 applications for the grants and guaranteed loans from 36 states, with 63 percent receiving funds. Projects include those that derive energy from a wind, solar, biomass, or geothermal source, or hydrogen derived from biomass or water using wind, solar, or geothermal energy sources.

The application period ran from Feb. 13, when the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was published, to May 12, 2006 and July 3, 2006 for grant and guaranteed loan applications, respectively.

The FY 2007 Agriculture Appropriations bill has been approved by the full House, but still must be acted upon by the full Senate. These bills must be conferenced and passed by the end of this fiscal year (September 30, 2006). The House bill maintains full funding for Sec. 9006 at \$23 million and the Senate Appropriations Committee increased funding to \$25 million.

A full analysis of the recipients will be released by EESI within the next week.

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