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McHenry County Announces Award of \$2.4 Million in ARRA Funding

WOODSTOCK, IL – McHenry County was awarded \$2,475,900 on November 11, 2009 to increase energy efficiency throughout McHenry County Government facilities. The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) program, funded by the America Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) is designed to assist eligible entities to implement strategies to create jobs, reduce total energy use, and improve energy efficiency in county buildings.

The County partnered with Siemens Industry in June 2009 to assist in development and engineering of energy efficiency project, which will include a solar wall, LED lighting, boiler upgrades, high-efficiency motor replacement, retro-commissioning of the County Government Center and an education component to track and display renewable energy production.

The funds, which are anticipated to be accepted by the County Board on Tuesday, December 15th, will help strengthen the local economy and create jobs at a local level. Bids for the energy projects were solicited on September 15, 2009. Because the County is currently under contract it is anticipated that more than half of the funds will be available immediately and construction is slated to start in January 2010. After construction it is estimated these projects will reduce the County's carbon footprint by 2,819,253 lbs of CO₂ in the first year alone. Additionally the energy conservation measures will have a significant impact on the County's utility expenses and enable the County to continue to be a leader in sustainability.

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