

# Investing in Wisconsin



**Putting Wisconsin back to work:** The CEA estimates that 63,000 jobs were created or saved by the Recovery Act in Wisconsin through June, 2010. These jobs are supported by the more than \$6.7 billion in Recovery Act funds which have been made available to Wisconsin – and the more than \$4.6 billion which has already been spent.

## Developing and Advancing Wisconsin's Growing Industries and Infrastructure

- Over \$700.5 million has been obligated for 457 transportation projects. These projects are putting 974 people to work, and improving 490 miles of highway across the state.
- 2,407 Recovery Act-backed small business loans have been given to Wisconsin small businesses, who are now investing \$948 million into creating new jobs and buying new equipment they need to succeed.
  - › Example: Wingra Canoe and Sailing Center - Wingra has been in operation since the 1950s providing the Madison community with fun, safe and inexpensive outdoor entertainment. Recently, SBA was able to assist Tyler with an SBA Express loan that allowed him to do “a number of things” including opening a new location for his boat rentals on the Vilas Zoo side of Wingra Lake. Tyler said the loan was “easy and cheap” thanks to the Recovery Act fee waivers. “The SBA loan allows us to expand access to the lake and provide a city-wide service.”
- America's energy future is cleaner, more efficient, and made at home, thanks in part to the 94 clean energy projects that have been funded with the \$334.5 million clean energy investment that the Recovery Act made into Wisconsin.
  - › Example: Waukesha Electric Systems, Inc. in Waukesha was awarded a clean energy manufacturing tax credit for \$12.5 million. The funds will be used to expand an existing plant to produce large, high-voltage power transformers.

- › Over 5,739 homes have already been weatherized, and ultimately 16,891 homes will be weatherized with Recovery Act investments.
- As many as 1,058,562 people and 901 community institutions, such as schools and hospitals, stand to benefit from broadband projects in Wisconsin.
- The water infrastructure of Wisconsin will see significant improvements as a result of the 103 rural water and waste disposal projects, and clean and drinking water projects being launched across the state by the Recovery Act.

## Providing Relief to the Individual Residents of Wisconsin

- Because of the Making Work Pay tax credit, 2.2 million Wisconsin working families will collectively receive \$1.2 billion in tax relief – dollars they can put to use immediately.
- Over 730,000 Wisconsin residents have expanded unemployment benefits because of the Recovery Act.
- Approximately 54,000 people in Wisconsin received COBRA benefits, due in part to Recovery Act investments.
- More than 1 million Wisconsin seniors and 31,171 veterans have received one-time economic relief payments of \$250, totaling over \$263.3 million.
- The Recovery Act is investing in Wisconsin's future, helping students and their parents with education costs.
  - › 23,041 low-income undergraduate students in Wisconsin have received grants to help them further their education and provide opportunities they might not otherwise have. What's more, the average grant to students increased by 610.

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## More Investments to Support Wisconsin

- Professors, students, and other researchers in Wisconsin have received \$110 million to fund 345 health research projects and explore treatments and cures to medical issues that affect millions of Americans.
- More than 9,319 education positions were reported as funded by the Recovery Act in the second quarter of 2010 in Wisconsin – which has received more than \$1.5 billion in funding from the Department of Education.
- The Recovery Act has already made over \$1.2 billion available to help prevent Medicaid cuts in Wisconsin. The state has spent over \$1.1 billion of the available funds.
- Law enforcement agencies in Wisconsin received over \$12.2 million in funding to support 58 police officers' salaries and benefits for three years.

## Just One of Many Great Examples of How The Recovery Act is Investing in Wisconsin's Future

Thanks to \$94 million in ARRA funding, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation will widen – from six to eight lanes – a 35-mile section of I-94 that runs from the Mitchell Interchange in Milwaukee to the Illinois state line and that is one of the busiest north-south freeway corridors in Wisconsin. In addition to congestion relief, the project will also improve safety by eliminating 13 dangerous left-hand exits along I-94 with all right-hand exits. The project represents a regional transportation and distribution center with markets that include Wisconsin, northern and western Illinois and Minnesota. This Recovery Act project is creating construction jobs for America right now, and creating vital infrastructure improvements that will lay the foundation for job growth for years to come.