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Thursday, October 22

Featured Speakers:

- Sam Adams, Mayor of Portland, Oregon
- Phaedra Ellis-Lamkins, CEO, Green For All
- Margie Harris, Executive Director, Energy Trust of Oregon

Green For All teamed up with the City of Portland to help implement a cutting-edge green jobs program. Clean Energy Works Portland aims to retrofit 100,000 homes in the coming years. In the process it will create new green-collar jobs and broad opportunities for low-income residents of the city.

The program creates a revolving loan fund that will enable Portland homeowners to take out long-term, low-interest loans and repay them through small additions to their utility bills. The home energy retrofits will save energy and lower bills, while creating good construction jobs. The revolving loan fund is putting federal Recovery dollars to work in a smart way. The program will improve 500 homes and create 40 jobs in its pilot phase. It will ramp up in 2010 to improve tens of thousands of homes and create thousands more jobs in the years ahead.

Green For All is proud to have partnered with the City to craft a Community Workforce Agreement that will ensure the jobs created are quality jobs and are broadly accessible to low-income communities and communities of color.

Questions and Answers

Since we had limited time during the call to address questions, we've compiled a Portland Q&A document that answers many of the questions that were emailed to us.

Discussion Forum

We'd like to hear about the successes and challenges you've faced in establishing a city-scale retrofit program. Post your own comments, questions and best practices on the Discussion Forum. In order to post to the Discussion Forum you will need to create an account by going to this Registration Form. If you have already created an account previously, click here to log in.

Resources

- Read Green For All article about Portland's Community Workforce Agreement
- Download the Community Workforce Agreement
- Clean Energy Works Portland's website: www.cleanenergyworksportland.org
- Retrofit America's Cities Resources page

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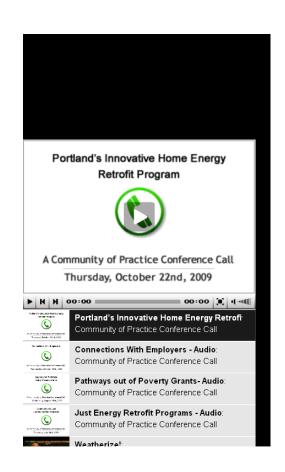


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