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Energy Department Awards \$1.4 Million Grant to the Community Reuse Organization of East Tennessee

Grant Will Fund Multiple Initiatives to Aid Former Workers of the Oak Ridge Site

The Department of Energy (DOE) has awarded \$1.4 million in the form of a competitive grant to the Community Reuse Organization of East Tennessee (CROET). CROET is the community reuse organization for the department's Oak Ridge site.

"The Energy Department is a good neighbor to the communities surrounding our sites," Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham said. "We will continue to work with the CROET and other community reuse organizations around the country, to retain, expand or create jobs for workers affected by restructuring efforts."

The CROET applied for funding from the department's Office of Worker and Community Transition in the form of a competitive grant. The CROET's application is a re-submittal of the Work Force Transition grant entitled East Tennessee 2002 (ET2002).

This \$1.4 million grant will be used for the following: reindustrialization and reuse to continue to enhance and market the East Tennessee Technology Park (ETTP) and the ED-1 industrial park; provide advanced training for former workers of the Oak Ridge site at the Manufacturing Skills Campus; continue research at the National Transportation Research Center that focuses on solving the nation's transportation problems; and develop regional economic diversification and work force development initiatives to allow communities to prioritize economic development efforts, recruit new industries, and create industrial parks.

The grant is expected to create 120 new jobs for displaced Oak Ridge workers and other community members over the next two to three years.
