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Department of Energy Awards \$1.1 Million to Paducah Area Community Reuse Organization

Funds Will be Used to Build a "World Class" Manufacturing Complex

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Department of Energy (DOE) has awarded \$1.1 million in the form of competitive grants to the Paducah Area Community Reuse Organization (PACRO). PACRO is the community reuse organization (CRO) for the Department's site in Paducah, Kentucky.

"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 PACRO and other community reuse organizations around the country, to retain, expand or create jobs for workers affected by restructuring efforts."

The PACRO applied for funding from the department's Office of Worker and Community Transition in the form of competitive grants. Each CRO can apply for funds under the Small Capital Program (small cap) up to \$200,000 and/or the Large Capital Program (large cap) up to one million dollars.

The PACRO applied for one large cap and two small cap grants. The large cap grant of \$1 million will prepare a major industrial site in Western Kentucky for use as a "world class" integrated manufacturing complex. Specifically, the funds will be spent on engineering, infrastructure and land planning. The first small cap grant of \$50,000 will support start-up of CenterPointe USA, a regional economic development-marketing program for Western Kentucky-Southeast Illinois. The second small cap grant in the amount of \$30,000 will provide support to a workforce outplacement, training, and re-employment assistance program. The goal of CenterPointe is the creation of 500 new jobs in the region over the next five years.
