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Paducah Area Community Reuse Organization To Receive \$250,000 Grant

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In a ceremony held today, Michael Owen, director of the Department of Energy's Office of Legacy Management, presented an award check to John Anderson, director of the Paducah-Area Community Reuse Organization (PACRO), for \$250,000. Senator Jim Bunning (R-KY) and Congressman Ed Whitfield (R-KY) worked closely with the department to secure the grant, and were present at the award ceremony.

The grant will be used to assist in economic development efforts. PACRO's goal is to create jobs and expand economic development opportunities that will ensure a future for the community surrounding the department's Paducah site.

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

PACRO is governed by a 26-member Executive Committee representing such areas as business, labor, education, and economic development from impacted counties. A General Assembly of approximately 60 members, who participate in various PACRO subcommittees, advises the Executive Committee and an 11-member Finance Committee approves all financial matters.

The Energy Department and PACRO have created or retained more than 1,190 new jobs and expect many more jobs will be created or retained in the future.
