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## Department of Energy Awards \$300,000 to Tri-City Industrial Development Council in Washington State

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The Department of Energy (DOE) today announced that it will award \$300,000 to the Tri-City Industrial Development Council (TRIDEC). TRIDEC's goal is to assist affected communities impacted by the ultimate closure of the Hanford facility that has served as the primary employment source for over 50 years. The grant will provide \$200,000 for program administration and \$100,000 for the Asset Reinvestment Program.

"The Energy Department is a good neighbor to the communities surrounding our sites," Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham said. "Working with TRIDEC and other community reuse organizations around the country, the Department has retained, expanded or created over 25,000 jobs for workers affected by restructuring efforts at DOE sites."

The purpose of the Asset Reinvestment Program is to help recruit, expand, or create new businesses within the greater tri-cities community by making available to industry certain physical assets of the DOE Hanford Site as part of the business recruitment or expansion project. The program will be managed by the Tri-Cities Asset Reinvestment Company, LLC (TARC). The \$100,000 for this program will be used to both administer the operation of the TARC as well as to help offset the costs incurred by the Department and the contractor during the excess process. The end objective is the creation of new sustainable jobs in the community.

The DOE's Office of Worker and Community Transition and the TRIDEC have created or retained 1,991 new economy jobs, and estimate that 4,549 jobs will be created or retained by 2005.

For more information please sign-on to the Office of Worker and Community Transition's website: [www.wct.doe.gov](http://www.wct.doe.gov).

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