



From the Desk of Lieutenant Governor Matthew Denn
Reviving Delaware
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One of the questions that we are frequently asked is how the federal stimulus program is helping us to create and maintain jobs here in Delaware.

In the short term, there are a number of federal stimulus projects that will provide some immediate employment opportunities in Delaware. The state is receiving \$140 million in highway construction and other types of transit grants, all of which it is using to start construction jobs on a very short timeline. These jobs are putting people to work. A number of federal facilities located in Delaware have also received significant stimulus grants for construction and renovation work, which should also provide jobs for Delawareans: almost \$80 million has been allocated for upgrades to the state's Amtrak station and Amtrak cars, and over \$62 million has been allocated for upgrades to Dover Air Force Base. The state will be receiving \$38 million for weatherization of homes and energy-related improvements to homes, and another \$3.8 million for energy improvements to state buildings, with the bulk of that money going to pay the men and women doing the work. And \$39 million in clean water and drinking water funds have been awarded to Delaware, which again will put people to work installing those water projects. And this is not the entire list. So all told, over \$360 million has been allocated to Delaware for spending on bricks-and-mortar type projects that will put Delawareans to work and keep Delawareans working. Between these funds and the over \$450 million in stimulus dollars that have been used to help balance the state's budget and replace budget cuts to local schools, Delaware has received well over \$800 million that will directly help us to maintain or create jobs.

In my next update, I will discuss how the stimulus package is also helping Delaware to maintain important parts of its infrastructure that do not directly create jobs today, but are absolutely essential to having a competitive state economy in the future.

Sincerely,
Lt. Governor Matt Denn