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**PATRICK-MURRAY ADMINISTRATION OBLIGATES 100% OF ARRA
HIGHWAY FUNDING ONE MONTH AHEAD OF SCHEDULE****\$437.9 million distributed to highway projects throughout the Commonwealth**

BOSTON - Wednesday, February 17, 2010 - Marking today's one-year anniversary of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), Governor Deval Patrick and Congressman John Tierney today toured Reveal Imaging Technologies, a national leader in threat detection technology and recipient of nearly \$80 million in ARRA contracts from the U.S. Transportation Security Administration to develop and deliver new explosive detection scanning devices. According to estimates, these contracts will have created or saved more than 500 jobs.

The Governor and Congressman touted Reveal Imaging Technologies as an excellent example of how ARRA funds are creating jobs and driving economic recovery during his tour of the facility and in a meeting with individuals and companies who have directly benefited from stimulus funding over the past 12 months.

"In the last year, we've made the Recovery Act personal by investing in our people and our future and creating the jobs that will build a better, stronger Commonwealth," said Governor Patrick. "You don't have to look any further than Reveal to know that the Recovery Act is working. They have added hundreds of private sector jobs developing ways to enhance homeland security for the Commonwealth and the country and their success is being replicated in businesses in every region of the state."

"Over the last year, in partnership with our federal delegation, the stimulus program has proven to be a successful tool to assist our residents, municipalities, and businesses as we continue to focus on economic recovery and long-term growth in all regions across the Commonwealth," said Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray. "Reveal Imaging is a great example of an innovative and committed company that has leveraged federal stimulus funds to create jobs and invest in Massachusetts' future."

"The passage of the Recovery Act one year ago was intended to help bring our economy back from the brink," said Congressman John F. Tierney. "Reveal Imaging is a great example of how the federal funding in this legislation has helped to create and retain jobs, rebuilding our economy on sound footing while also working to improve our national security."

"Reveal received nearly \$80 million in contracts, funded by ARRA, from the U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for our CT-80 DR, a next generation Explosives Detection System (EDS)," said Michael Ellenbogen, president and CEO, Reveal. "As a small business, we were able to move quickly to put these funds to work. This allowed Reveal to accelerate manufacturing and installation of systems that improve passenger security and convenience at our nation's airports. And safeguarding people, places and transportation is why we're in business."

Since ARRA's enactment in February 2009, Massachusetts state agencies have received \$4.3 billion in stimulus awards. Of that amount, \$3.1 billion, or 72 percent, has been committed and over \$2.4 billion has been invested in programs and projects across the Commonwealth. Governor Patrick has ensured that the Commonwealth has met or exceeded every deadline for using Recovery funds put forth by the federal government. Last week, the Administration obligated its entire \$437.9 million allotment of ARRA highway funding a full month ahead of schedule.

The Patrick-Murray Administration has wisely invested ARRA funds so that real people benefit - preserving and creating jobs while improving the state's infrastructure for the short- and long-term. In the last three months of 2009, Recovery Act funds that flowed through state agencies created and retained over 4,700 full time jobs.

"In the last year, the Recovery Act has made a real difference in people's lives across the country and here in the Commonwealth. Thanks to federal stimulus funding, more than 25,000 Massachusetts residents are hard at work fixing our broken roads and bridges, educating our children, keeping our communities safe and getting projects off the ground that will create jobs for today and tomorrow. Equally as important, the Recovery Act is providing essential safety net services people rely on to carry them

through these tough economic times," said Jeffrey Simon, the Massachusetts Recovery and Reinvestment Office Director.

"Reveal Imaging Technologies is a Bedford success story which illustrates how well the stimulus package targeted key sectors of our economy," said Representative Charley Murphy, Chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means. "Reveal's state-of-the-art screening equipment greatly enhances airport security and demand for the technology has helped create a number of good-paying jobs for local workers."

"I don't know what we would have done without these federal stimulus funds; the state budget alone would not have been possible. Our priority is to use stimulus funds for economic development and to create or preserve jobs. This is great news from Reveal Imaging Technologies, Inc.; this is exactly how these funds should be used, to help existing companies and to create jobs," said Senator Marc R. Pacheco, Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Federal Stimulus Oversight

"The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was passed one year ago today and has accomplished much more than what was hoped for," said Representative David P. Linsky, House Chair, Joint Committee on Federal Stimulus Oversight. "Jobs have been sustained; laid-off teachers have been re-hired and class sizes reduced; and much needed infrastructure repairs have been made, all which would not have been possible without the help of ARRA funds."

Construction projects like Assembly Square in Somerville, the Route 7 improvements in Pittsfield, the Route 24 ramp in Fall River and countless other projects have been made possible by ARRA. These projects are putting people to work now, creating more jobs in the coming months and will improve the quality of life for residents across the state for years to come.

Other highlights of the first year of ARRA include:

- \$4.3 billion awarded to state agencies
 - o \$1.7 billion spent on direct benefits, including Unemployment Insurance, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Medicaid, and other Safety Net services
 - o \$675 million spent on programs and infrastructure projects through state agencies
- Top 10 in the Nation for percentage of announced funds paid out by federal agencies

Job Figures

First ARRA Reporting Period: February 17, 2009 - September 30, 2009

- 8,792 full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs created or retained from February 17, 2009 through September 30, 2009
- 23,533 individual workers employed

Second ARRA Reporting Period: October 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009

- 4,722 FTEs funded by ARRA from October 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009
- 13,882 individual workers employed

Jobs include: teachers, police officers, firefighters, health care services providers, engineers, and construction workers.

Education: During the 27 month ARRA program, Massachusetts will invest at least \$1.9 billion in ARRA education funding to: Maintain the fiscal stability of the K-12 and higher education systems and create/retain jobs for educators and staff members; maintain and enhance students' access to educational opportunities; implement effective improvement strategies and innovative reform initiatives to address both state and federal education priorities; and support infrastructure investments in educational institutions.

Transportation: We are investing ARRA funds in road, bridge and transit projects that create jobs today and will provide long-term benefits for tomorrow. The 84 ARRA highway construction projects including Assembly Square in Somerville, Route 7 improvements in Pittsfield, and the Route 24 exit ramp in Fall River will support economic growth and make long-awaited road repairs in every corner of the Commonwealth. With the \$319 million in ARRA funding dedicated to transit and the \$58 million in highway funds we transferred to critical transit improvement projects, we are making an unprecedented effort to strengthen and support public transit. We have met or exceeded every federal deadline for transportation funding, including obligating all \$437 million in highway funds on February 6, 2010, a whole month ahead of schedule.

Human Services: ARRA funds have been invested in the Department of Public Health (DPH) to improve Massachusetts' public health infrastructure and in DPH's Early Intervention Program to assist nearly 8,000 children with developmental delay or disabilities and their families, as well as other programs. Massachusetts has also secured \$25.6 million in ARRA funding - a \$15 million grant to support the implementation of electronic health records for approximately 2,500 health care providers and an

additional \$10.6 million grant to support the development of a secure network to support a statewide health information exchange.

Energy/Environment: Using ARRA funds to maximize economic activity, Massachusetts nearly doubled the number of waterworks projects undertaken this year from 71 to 115 statewide, with contracts growing from \$400 million to \$770 million. This level of spending will preserve or create up to 4,000 construction jobs. Our clean energy initiatives set national standards, paving the way for ARRA-required investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy in energy-intensive waterworks facilities. The \$21 million solar energy contract for 12 drinking water and wastewater treatment facilities, which will defray operating costs for municipalities, is the largest renewable-energy installation contract in the state's history, and it is in line with state efforts to increase wind power 10-fold and solar power nearly 20-fold over four years, doubling the number of jobs and quadrupling the number of companies.

Public Safety: As a result of stimulus funding, 83 police officers in 35 communities and 230 firefighters in 85 communities across 13 public safety agencies, including state police officers, correctional officers, and parole officers have been retained. In total, over \$71 million in ARRA funds have flowed to public safety services in the Commonwealth.

Housing: Massachusetts is ranked second in the nation for number of units weatherized, fifth for percentage of Tax Credit Assistance Program funds committed, and seventh for percentage of ARRA weatherization funds expended. We have awarded \$148.7 million in Recovery Act funds, reviving 26 affordable housing developments across the state stalled due to the lack of equity available in the low-income housing tax credit market. This represents hundreds of new affordable rental homes and hundreds of new jobs.

Labor and Workforce: ARRA funds in Massachusetts have made it possible for the Commonwealth's 16 workforce regions and the 37 One-Stop Career Centers to provide services to over 63,000 individuals for retraining. In addition, over half a million Massachusetts residents have been able to benefit from the additional Federal Unemployment Compensation.

The Recovery Act was designed to spend money gradually over time in order to sustain a true recovery - with peak spending and activity expected to occur in 2010. The Patrick-Murray Administration is confident the remaining 15 months of the program will continue to have a positive impact on the people of [Massachusetts](#).

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