

## **Patrick-Murray Administration Announces \$2.063 Million To Leominster To Spur Economic Growth**

### **The Massachusetts Opportunity Relocation and Expansion (MORE) Jobs Program To Fund Upgrades To Public Infrastructure Creating 200 Jobs**

LEOMINSTER, MA - Thursday, May 28, 2009 - As part of Patrick-Murray Administration's Massachusetts Recovery Plan to secure the state's economic future, Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray announced today at a groundbreaking a \$2.063 million grant to Leominster to improve publicly owned infrastructures. The grant, funded through the Massachusetts Opportunity Relocation and Expansion (MORE) Jobs Capital program, is projected to create 200 new jobs.

"I am pleased to announce that the City of Leominster will benefit from the MORE Jobs Program. The program is a wonderful tool to help businesses grow and expand here in the Commonwealth, while creating the jobs vital to keep Massachusetts strong," said Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray. "The return on the state's investment is significant because by creating the right public infrastructure to support business growth, the jobs they create will not only provide employment here in Massachusetts, but help to increase the state's revenue base for years to come."

The MORE jobs program was established in the 2006 economic stimulus bill passed by the legislature and signed into law. Grants must be used for public infrastructure improvements with the ultimate goal of enabling businesses to expand or relocate to the area. This is the second project in Leominster funded through the MORE Jobs program.

The City of Leominster will partner with Lisciotti Development Corporation to develop the Tanzio Road Business Park. When completed the property will be available for industrial and manufacturing companies to locate and conduct business. The area is already zoned for industrial use. MORE Jobs grant funds will be used to install a roadway with the necessary utilities to allow for frontage development that will create approximately 88,400 square feet of new roadway pavement. The project is expected to create 200 jobs.

Since its inception, the MORE Jobs grant program has funded 23 projects across the state. Strong consideration has been given to projects that could provide the greatest economic impact to the diverse regional economies in Massachusetts. Since 2007, over \$54 million has been used to fund projects to improve public infrastructures and create jobs.

Investments in public infrastructure are critical components of the Massachusetts Recovery Plan, which combines state, federal and, where possible, private efforts to provide immediate and long-term relief and position the Commonwealth for recovery in the following ways:

- Deliver immediate relief by investing in the road, bridge and rail projects that put people to work today and providing safety net services that sustain people who are especially vulnerable during an economic crisis;
- Build a better tomorrow through education and infrastructure investments that

strengthen our economic competitiveness, prepare workers for the jobs of the future and support clean energy, broadband and technology projects that cut costs while growing the economy; and

- Reform state government by eliminating the pension and ethics loopholes that discredit the work of government and revitalize the transportation networks that have suffered from decades of neglect and inaction.

To learn more, go to [www.mass.gov/recovery](http://www.mass.gov/recovery). To learn more about MORE Jobs program go to [www.mass.gov/eed/MORE](http://www.mass.gov/eed/MORE)

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