

PATRICK-MURRAY ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES \$805,000 TO SPUR ECONOMIC GROWTH IN HAVERHILL

City of Haverhill receives funds to upgrade public infrastructure project, creating 40 green jobs

BOSTON, MA - Monday, November 2, 2009 - As part of Governor Deval Patrick's Massachusetts Recovery Plan and continuing with the themes of last week's Economic Summit, Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray today announced that the city of Haverhill has received a \$805,000 Massachusetts Opportunity Relocation and Expansion (MORE) jobs grant to fund Phase II of the Hilldale Avenue Industrial Park Sewer Extension Project, which is projected to create 40 green economy jobs.

"I am pleased to announce that the City of Haverhill will benefit from the MORE Jobs Program. The program is a great opportunity to partner with our cities and towns to invest and upgrade critical public infrastructure that will ultimately benefit the municipality, region, and entire Commonwealth," said Lt. Governor Murray. "It is encouraging to see developers and businesses, like this example in Haverhill, coming together to make significant investments, which will lead to job creation, an increased local property tax base for our cities and towns, and a return on investment for the Commonwealth."

Plans for Phase II of the Hilldale Avenue Industrial Park Sewer Extension Project include extending sewer in the park to the New Hampshire border. The project will break ground on November 16, 2009 with a November 1, 2010 estimated completion date. The City of Haverhill has partnered with Frontier Development to complete the sewer extension project which will allow Powerhouse Enterprises, a manufacturer of energy-efficient modular housing units, to relocate and construct a new 50,000 square foot energy efficient factory building in the Hilldale Avenue Industrial Park. Construction of the new Powerhouse Enterprises facility is set to begin in 2010.

"This vital funding will assist the city of Haverhill in financing improvements to the Industrial Park's infrastructure which will stimulate and support business expansion, job creation and economic growth," said Representative Brian Dempsey.

The Hilldale Avenue Industrial Park was approved as a Priority Development Site by the State's Interagency Permitting Board under the Commonwealth's 43D program and now offers 180-day local permitting. It is recognized by the Mass Bio Tech Council as a "bio-ready" site and with a gold-medal rating. In addition to the creation of 40 new jobs, the state's public infrastructure investment in the site will allow existing businesses in the park the opportunity for expansion and will significantly increase the site's marketability.

"This water and sewer expansion is a major step towards obtaining new high-end employers for our next great industrial area on upper Hilldale Avenue," remarked Mayor Fiorentini. "This Priority Development Zone has featured it all - industrial zoning, expedited permitting, great location, workforce and transportation access, everything except water and sewer infrastructure, which will now be in place. Thanks to the Patrick Administration, this area is now primed to attract leading biotech, high tech and green

industries and good jobs to the City."

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. The Hilldale Avenue Industrial Park Phase I was funded through the MORE Jobs program award of \$1 million in 2007.

Since its inception, the MORE Jobs grant program has funded over 25 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 \$50 million has been used to fund projects to improve public infrastructures and create jobs.

Commitments to partnering with municipalities in order to clear the way for business expansion are critical components of Governor Patrick's Massachusetts Recovery Plan, and key focus areas of the Patrick-Murray Administration's Economic summit, called to ensure a collaborative approach to recovery in the following ways:

- Competing for Competitive Federal Funds - Federal funding presents a significant opportunity to bring new dollars into our Massachusetts economy in both the short and long term.
- Creating Access to Capital & Advice for Small Businesses - Small businesses employ the majority of the Commonwealth's workforce. Ensuring access to capital for growth will pave the way to job creation.
- Clearing the Way for Business Expansion - Addressing issues that create a positive environment for business growth through public private collaboration leads to job retention and job creation.

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