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[OVRDC'S FULL COMMISSION APPRECIATION BANQUET AND MEETING](#)

*Mark Your Calendar for
OVRDC's Annual Full Commission Appreciation Banquet*

Thursday, September 29, 2011

*to be held in Scioto County at the
Scioto County Career Technical Center*

951 Vern Riffe Drive

Lucasville, Ohio

More details coming soon.

[THE 2011 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT APPLICATION PERIOD OPENS SHORTLY](#)

Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) helps to ensure that firefighters and first responders have the essentials they need to be safe and effective on the job. Your fire department or EMS organization may be eligible for a grant. The key to your success is preparing your application early. Get started today!

2011 AFG GET READY GUIDE IS COMING SOON

The 2011 AFG Get Ready Guide is your resource for successfully submitting a grant application. Once available, it may be downloaded at: <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants>.

NEW THIS YEAR: GRANT RECIPIENTS MUST REGISTER IN THE CENTRAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION (CCR) SYSTEM

As of August 2010, prime recipients of Federal grants are required to register in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) system. As a potential grantee you are not required to register, but you may wish to do so now in case you receive an award. CCR registration will be required if you are selected for an award.

How to register:

Obtain a DUNS number from Dun and Bradstreet: <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. A DUNS number is required to submit an application. If you already have a DUNS number, skip to #2.

Once you have a DUNS number, register here: <https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/default.aspx> For more information on grantee registration in the CCR system, visit their website: <https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/grantees.aspx>

NEED HELP? ATTEND A GRANT WORKSHOP

AFG Regional Representatives conduct grant workshops around the country. Visit http://www.fema.gov/firegrants/js/workshop_schedule_july.html for a complete schedule.

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED...

- View an AFG Application Tutorial: Coming Soon!
- Review the program guidance (available one-week prior to the start of the application period)
- Attend a workshop: http://www.fema.gov/firegrants/program/workshop_schedule.shtm
- Call or email the Help Desk: 1-866-274-0960 or firegrants@dhs.gov
- Contact your Regional Representative: <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants/program/contact.shtm>

Find additional resources under "Rules and Tools" on our website: <http://www.fema.gov/firegrants/tools/index.shtm>

[Department of Transportation \(DOT\) 3rd Round of TIGER Grants](#)

On June 30, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) announced that \$527 million will be available for the third round of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program grants. To date, the TIGER program has funded roads, bridges, freight rails, transit buses and streetcars, ports, and bicycle and pedestrian paths. DOT is expected to publish a notice of funding availability within the week. Unlike the FY2010 Appropriations Act, the FY2011 Continuing Appropriations Act does not provide any funding for projects solely for the planning, preparation, or design of capital projects; however, these activities may be eligible to the extent that they are part of an overall construction project that receives TIGER funding. Applications will be due in the fall. Additional information on the TIGER program is available at <http://www.dot.gov/tiger/>.

[USDA's Value-Added Producer Grants now being Accepted](#)

On June 28, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)'s Rural Business Cooperative Service announced the availability of \$37 million in competitive grant funds for FY2011 to help independent agricultural producers enter into value-added activities. Awards may be made for either planning activities (maximum \$100,000) or working capital expenses (\$300,000). USDA encourages applications which support communities in urban or rural areas with limited access to healthy foods, and with high rates of poverty and hunger. The application deadline is August 29. Additional information is available at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-06-28/pdf/2011-16121.pdf>.

[USEC Enters into Standstill Agreement with Toshiba and B&W](#)

USEC Inc. (NYSE: USU) announced that it has entered into a standstill agreement with its strategic investors Toshiba Corporation (Toshiba), acting through its U.S. subsidiary Toshiba America Nuclear Energy Corporation, and Babcock & Wilcox Investment Company (B&W) to provide a limited additional period of time to obtain a conditional commitment from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for a \$2 billion loan guarantee to build the American Centrifuge uranium enrichment plant in Piketon, Ohio. During this limited period, USEC expects to work with DOE to complete the loan guarantee review process and obtain a decision from DOE on the conditional commitment by the end of July 2011.

"USEC has been working diligently with DOE over the past several months to conclude the review process for our loan guarantee application, and we appreciate the attention they are giving to the matter. We are working hard toward a successful conclusion, but we have not been able to conclude the conditional commitment process before June 30, which was the outside date for the next stage of the Toshiba and B&W investment. This standstill agreement provides the limited additional time needed for DOE to complete its review and reach a decision during July," said John K. Welch, USEC president and chief executive officer.

Under the Securities Purchase Agreement dated May 25, 2010, Toshiba, B&W and USEC each had the right to terminate its obligations under the agreement if the \$50 million second phase of the strategic investment by Toshiba and B&W did not close by June 30, 2011. Obtaining a conditional commitment for the DOE loan guarantee is the key remaining condition to closing of the second phase of the Toshiba and B&W investment. Under the Standstill Agreement, each of USEC, Toshiba and B&W agreed not to exercise its right to terminate the Securities Purchase Agreement prior to August 15, 2011. This standstill provides a limited additional period of time to finalize and enter into the DOE conditional commitment and then close the second phase of the strategic investment.

Background

USEC applied for a \$2 billion loan guarantee from DOE in 2008 to build the American Centrifuge Plant (ACP) in Piketon, Ohio that will support approximately 8,000 U.S. jobs during construction. When complete, the ACP will provide low enriched uranium to fuel nuclear power reactors in the United States and internationally.

The American Centrifuge Plant will use USEC's AC100 centrifuge machine, which has been developed and engineered and will be manufactured in the United States. The AC100 design is a disciplined evolution of classified U.S. centrifuge technology originally developed by DOE and successfully demonstrated during the 1980s. USEC has invested approximately \$2 billion in the American Centrifuge Project to date.

Learn more about the American Centrifuge Project at www.americancentrifuge.com. USEC Inc., a global energy company, is a leading supplier of enriched uranium fuel for commercial nuclear power plants.