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To promote economic recovery through green jobs and infrastructure, and
for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. BROWN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Nat-
ural Resources

A BILL

To promote economic recovery through green jobs and
infrastructure, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Green Jobs and Infrastructure Act of 2009”.

6 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents of
7 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Definition of Secretary.

TITLE I—CLEAN TECHNOLOGY MANUFACTURING INCENTIVE
PROGRAM

Sec. 101. Clean technology manufacturing incentive program.

TITLE II—ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY VEHICLES MANUFACTURING INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Sec. 201. Advanced technology vehicles manufacturing incentive program.

TITLE III—ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANTS

Sec. 301. Energy efficiency and conservation block grants.

TITLE IV—GREEN ENERGY JOBS

Sec. 401. Clean Energy Service Corps.

Sec. 402. Green jobs.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF SECRETARY.**

2 In this Act, the term “Secretary” means the Sec-
3 retary of Energy.

4 **TITLE I—CLEAN TECHNOLOGY**
5 **MANUFACTURING INCENTIVE**
6 **PROGRAM**

7 **SEC. 101. CLEAN TECHNOLOGY MANUFACTURING INCEN-**
8 **TIVE PROGRAM.**

9 (a) LOANS.—The Secretary shall provide loans to
10 manufacturers to help finance the cost of—

11 (1) reequipping, expanding, or establishing (in-
12 cluding applicable engineering costs) a manufac-
13 turing facility in the United States to produce clean
14 technology products and the significant component
15 parts of those products, including—

- 16 (A) wind turbines;
- 17 (B) solar energy products;
- 18 (C) fuel cells;

1 (D) advanced batteries and storage de-
2 vices;

3 (E) biomass engines;

4 (F) geothermal equipment;

5 (G) ocean energy equipment;

6 (H) carbon capture and storage;

7 (I) energy efficiency products, including
8 appliances and products that are used to in-
9 crease energy efficiency by at least 30 percent
10 over a baseline product (and significant compo-
11 nents of the appliances and products), subject
12 to the condition that the parts shall be integral
13 to the overall efficiency of the end product; and

14 (J) products for retrofitting a manufac-
15 turing facility to improve industrial processes
16 and create greater energy efficiency through the
17 use of technologies, including—

18 (i) combined heat and power systems;

19 (ii) natural gas pressure recovery;

20 (iii) advanced cogeneration;

21 (iv) gasification;

22 (v) anaerobic digestion; and

23 (vi) landfill gas recovery; and

24 (2) improving the energy-efficiency of the in-
25 dustrial processes of the manufacturers other than

1 through the production of products and component
2 parts described in paragraph (1)(J).

3 (b) PERIOD OF AVAILABILITY.—A loan under sub-
4 section (a) shall apply to—

5 (1) facilities and equipment placed in service
6 before December 30, 2012; and

7 (2) clean technology retooling costs, retrofitting
8 costs, worker training costs, and other costs de-
9 scribed in subsection (a) incurred during the period
10 beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and
11 ending on December 30, 2020.

12 (c) DIRECT LOAN PROGRAM.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
14 the date of enactment of this Act, subject to the
15 availability of appropriated funds, the Secretary
16 shall carry out a program to provide a total of not
17 more than \$50,000,000,000 in loans to eligible indi-
18 viduals and entities (as determined by the Secretary)
19 for the costs of activities described in subsection (a).

20 (2) APPLICATION.—An applicant for a loan
21 under this section shall submit to the Secretary an
22 application at such time, in such manner, and con-
23 taining such information as the Secretary may re-
24 quire, including a written assurance that the wages
25 and benefits that will be provided to each individual

1 that is employed by the applicant (including a con-
2 tractor or subcontractor) in carrying out activities
3 described in subsection (a) are at least equal to the
4 average in the area, as determined by the Secretary.

5 (3) SELECTION OF ELIGIBLE PROJECTS.—The
6 Secretary shall select eligible projects to receive
7 loans under this subsection in cases in which, as de-
8 termined by the Secretary, the loan recipient—

9 (A) has a viable market for the product or
10 component described in subsection (a);

11 (B) will provide sufficient information to
12 the Secretary for the Secretary to ensure that
13 the qualified investment is expended efficiently
14 and effectively;

15 (C) will provide such information as the
16 Secretary may request to demonstrate that the
17 qualified investment will preserve or create jobs;
18 and

19 (D) has met such other criteria as may be
20 established and published by the Secretary.

21 (4) RATES, TERMS, AND REPAYMENT OF
22 LOANS.—A loan provided under this subsection—

23 (A) shall have an interest rate that, as of
24 the date on which the loan is made, is equal to
25 the cost of funds to the Department of the

1 Treasury for obligations of comparable matu-
2 rity;

3 (B) shall have a term equal to the lesser
4 of—

5 (i) the projected life, in years, of the
6 eligible project to be carried out using
7 funds from the loan, as determined by the
8 Secretary; and

9 (ii) 25 years;

10 (C) may be subject to a deferral in repay-
11 ment for not more than 5 years after the date
12 on which the eligible project carried out using
13 funds from the loan first begins operations, as
14 determined by the Secretary;

15 (D) shall be made by the Federal Financ-
16 ing Bank; and

17 (E) shall be repaid in full if the loan re-
18 cipient moves production of activities described
19 in subsection (a) outside of the United States
20 during the term of the loan.

21 (5) FEES.—Administrative costs shall be no
22 more than \$100,000 or 10 basis point of the loan.

23 (d) PRIORITY.—In making loans to manufacturers
24 under this section, the Secretary—

1 (1) shall give priority to those facilities that are
2 located in regions with the highest unemployment
3 rates; and

4 (2) may provide awards or loan to facilities that
5 are idle.

6 (e) MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP
7 PROGRAM.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary
8 shall coordinate with the Secretary of Commerce in car-
9 rying out the Manufacturing Extension Partnership pro-
10 gram established under sections 25 and 26 of the National
11 Institute of Standards and Technology Act (15 U.S.C.
12 278k, 278l).

13 (f) FUNDING.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
15 provision of law, not later than 30 days after the
16 date of enactment of this Act, on October 1, 2009,
17 and on each October 1 thereafter through October 1,
18 2012, out of any funds in the Treasury not other-
19 wise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury
20 shall transfer to the Secretary for the cost of loans
21 and loan guarantees to carry out this section such
22 sums as are necessary to provide the amount of
23 loans authorized under subsection (c)(1), to remain
24 available until expended.

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
 2 other provision of law, not later than 30 days
 3 after the date of enactment of this paragraph,
 4 out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise
 5 appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury
 6 shall transfer to the Secretary for the cost of
 7 awards and loans to carry out this section
 8 \$1,000,000,000, to remain available until ex-
 9 pended.

10 “(B) RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE.—The
 11 Secretary shall be entitled to receive, shall ac-
 12 cept, and shall use to carry out this section the
 13 funds transferred under subparagraph (A),
 14 without further appropriation.”.

15 **TITLE III—ENERGY EFFICIENCY**
 16 **AND CONSERVATION BLOCK**
 17 **GRANTS**

18 **SEC. 301. ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK**
 19 **GRANTS.**

20 Section 548 of the Energy Independence and Security
 21 Act of 2007 (42 U.S.C. 17158) is amended by striking
 22 subsection (a) and inserting the following:

23 “(a) MANDATORY FUNDING.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days
 25 after the date of enactment of the Green Jobs and

1 Infrastructure Act of 2009, on October 1, 2009, and
2 on each October 1 thereafter through October 1,
3 2011, out of any funds in the Treasury not other-
4 wise appropriated, the Secretary of the Treasury
5 shall transfer to the Secretary to carry out the pro-
6 gram \$10,000,000,000, to remain available until ex-
7 pended.

8 “(2) RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE.—The Sec-
9 retary shall be entitled to receive, shall accept, and
10 shall use to carry out the program the funds trans-
11 ferred under paragraph (1), without further appro-
12 priation.

13 “(3) ALLOCATION OF GRANTS FUNDS.—Of the
14 amount of funds made available for grants under the
15 program for a fiscal year under this subsection—

16 “(A) 49 percent of the amount shall be
17 distributed using the definition of eligible unit
18 of local government-alternative 1 in section
19 541(3)(A); and

20 “(B) 49 percent of the amount shall be
21 distributed using the definition of eligible unit
22 of local government-alternative 2 in section
23 541(3)(B).”.

1 **TITLE IV—GREEN ENERGY JOBS**

2 **SEC. 401. CLEAN ENERGY SERVICE CORPS.**

3 Section 122(a) of the National and Community Serv-
4 ice Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12572(a)) is amended—

5 (1) by redesignating paragraph (15) as para-
6 graph (16); and

7 (2) by inserting after paragraph (14) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(15) A Clean Energy Service Corps program
10 in which—

11 “(A) participants—

12 “(i) encourage or promote clean en-
13 ergy technologies; or

14 “(ii) enable communities and non-
15 profit organizations to assist business own-
16 ers and households in matters relating to
17 clean energy technologies, and in becoming
18 more energy efficient; and

19 “(B) priority is provided for programs that
20 enroll corps participants who will be trained for
21 careers that promote a sustainable economy.”.

22 **SEC. 402. GREEN JOBS.**

23 Section 171(e)(8) of the Workforce Investment Act
24 of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2916(e)(8)) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (A), (B),
2 and (C) as clauses (i), (ii), and (iii), respectively,
3 and indenting appropriately; and

4 (2) by striking “(8)” and all that follows
5 through “of which—” and inserting the following:

6 “(8) FUNDING.—

7 “(A) MANDATORY FUNDING.—

8 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30
9 days after the date of enactment of the
10 Green Jobs and Infrastructure Act of
11 2009, out of any funds in the Treasury not
12 otherwise appropriated, the Secretary of
13 the Treasury shall transfer to the Sec-
14 retary to carry out this subsection
15 \$625,000,000, to remain available until ex-
16 pended.

17 “(ii) RECEIPT AND ACCEPTANCE.—

18 The Secretary shall be entitled to receive,
19 shall accept, and shall use to carry out this
20 subsection the funds transferred under
21 clause (i), without further appropriation.

22 “(B) DISCRETIONARY FUNDING.—There is
23 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this
24 subsection \$125,000,000 for fiscal year 2010
25 and each subsequent fiscal year.

1 “(C) ALLOCATION.—Of the amount avail-
2 able under subparagraph (A) or (B) for a fiscal
3 year—”.

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