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Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell was in Bensalem, Pa., Monday to announce federal stimulus funding for green projects.

Bridge Business Center LP in Bristol, Pa., and **Sysco Food Services** in Philadelphia were among five entities awarded federal stimulus funds for green projects, Rendell said.

The Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority has allocated \$3.8 million combined to the companies, which will invest a total of \$19 million and create an expected 155 jobs.

Rendell made the announcement at Accu-Weld in Bensalem. The 28-year old firm, which manufactures high-efficiency, vinyl replacement windows for homes, is already seeing an increase in

demand as a result of the federal stimulus package, Rendell said.

Under the stimulus, homeowners who make energy efficiency improvements will be eligible for a 30 percent tax credit capped at \$1,500. Homeowners who purchase energy efficient products are also eligible for a loan or rebate under the state's new Keystone HELP Residential Energy Efficiency Loan and Rebate Program.

Accu-Weld was not one of the five companies involved in the funding.

Sysco Food Services will match a state investment of \$840,000 to construct a 190,000-square-foot expansion of its distribution center and warehouse, which will be more energy efficient and utilize solar power.

The Bridge Business Center will receive \$1 million and invest an additional \$1.6 million to install an energy system in a 50,000-square-foot laboratory to enable the firm to recycle waste heat from its operations and meet all of its energy needs.

The governor announced that he had also taken the necessary formal action to ensure the state would have access to approximately \$366 million in federal stimulus funds to grow green businesses and create jobs.

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