



# Office of Energy Resources

## Legislative Interim Energy Committee

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# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Update

## Projects Completed

- Cities and Counties (\$7.1 million).
- Borah Building energy efficiency retrofit (\$617,800).
- Renewable Energy Enterprise Zones (\$1.2 million).
- LED manufacturing demo project (\$5 million).
- Solar Panels for Schools (\$2.75 million).
- Energy Assurance (\$339,800).
- Appliance Rebate (\$1.37 million).
- Industries of the Future (\$350,000).

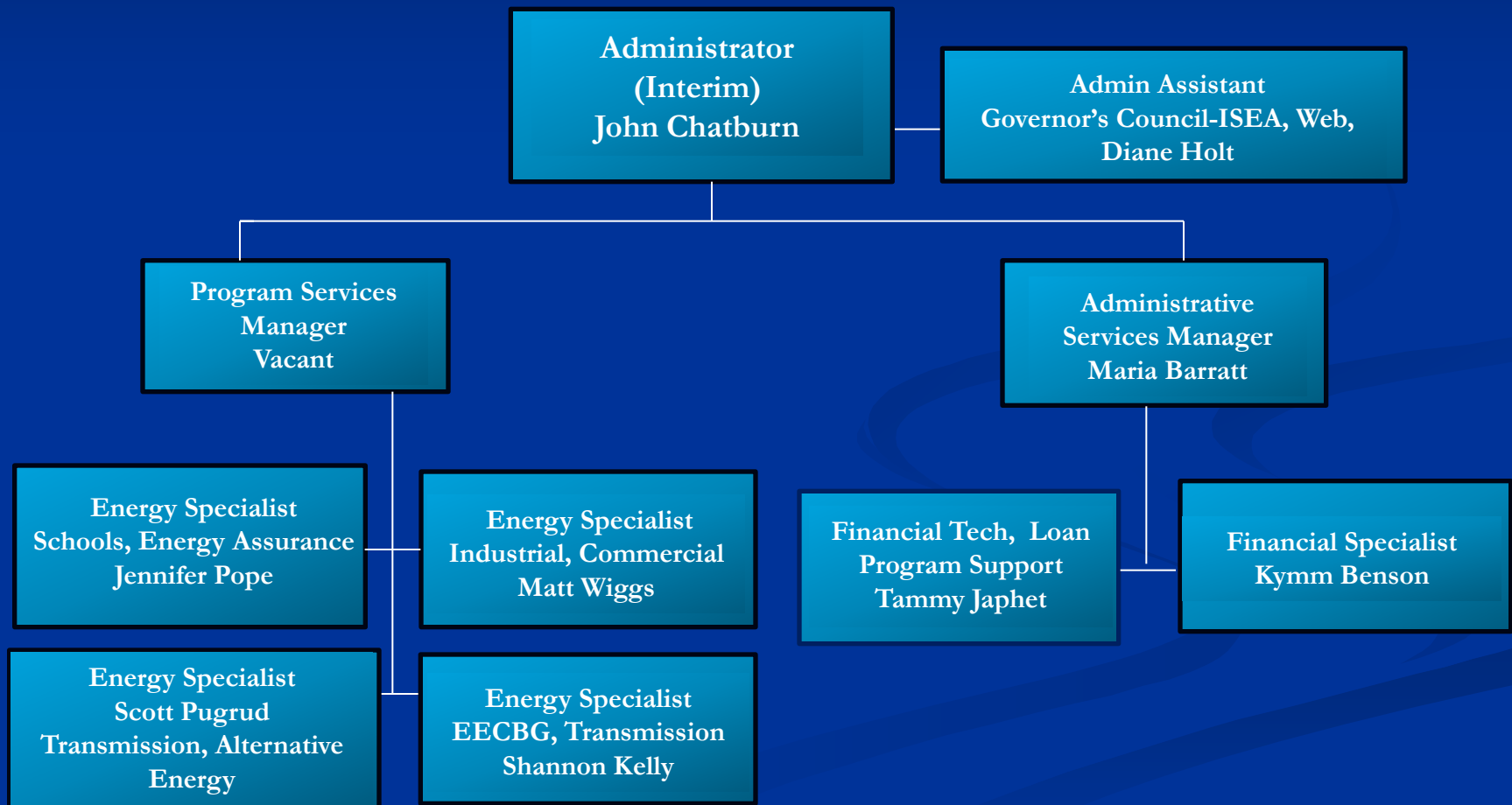
# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Projects in Final Phase

- Energy Efficiency for K-12 schools (\$17 million)
  - Final 2 school retrofits scheduled for completion in December 2012.
- Building Energy Code Implementation (\$500,000)
  - Scheduled for completion Spring of 2013.
- Capital Mall Energy Efficient Retrofits ( \$300,000)
  - Scheduled completion Spring of 2013.

# FY 2013 ARRA Funding Closeout

- State Energy Program (SEP) and Energy Efficiency Community Block Grants (EECBG) will be completed during spring 2013, all other ARRA funded grants expired in August and September 2012.
- Approximately \$302,000 remaining cash award to distribute; primarily due to cancelled prior year encumbrances.
- Closeout monitoring and reporting requirements will be finalized with the October 2013 reporting cycle, per ARRA and DOE guidance.

# Office of Energy Resources Organizational Chart



# OER Key Responsibilities

- Coordinate energy planning and policy development in Idaho
  - Represent Governor's Office on all energy related processes in Idaho including interaction with legislative committees, elected officials, stakeholders, the public, and state and federal agencies.
  - Request cooperating agency status for Idaho on all federal energy NEPA processes and represent the state during the development of all energy related NEPA documents.
  - Coordinate Idaho's response to all federal and regional energy documents and issues (Congressional, FERC, NEPA, NERC, and WECC actions, etc.).



## ■ Serve as Idaho's Clearinghouse for Energy Information

- Respond to all energy and energy policy inquiries from the public, elected officials, and other stakeholders.
- Provide information regarding energy issues including energy efficiency, conservation, alternative fuel sources, etc.
- Maintain OER's website as a reliable and up-to-date source of energy information.

## ■ Represent Idaho in Regional and National Energy Policy Forums and Processes

- Western Governor's Association energy policy venues including the Regional Transmission Expansion Planning process
- Western Interstate Energy Board
- Northern Tier Transmission Group
- Rapid Response Team for Transmission



# ■ Administer Financial & Technical Assistance Programs

- Coordinate energy training, technical assistance, and other energy issues among various stakeholders.
- Administer Low Interest Energy Efficiency Loan Program.
- K-12 school energy efficiency retrofit program.
- Continue to participate with stakeholders to enhance energy code compliance training and education.

## ■ Coordinate the Idaho Strategic Energy Alliance

- Coordinate and participate with the ISEA Board of Directors and taskforces.
- Utilize ISEA expertise to review and examine energy policy issues.
- Coordinate the update of ISEA taskforce reports and other related materials on a regular basis.

# FY 2014 Budget Highlights

- FY 2014 request 10 FTPs and approximately \$1.4 million ongoing expenditures (elimination of 4.0 current FTPs and approximately \$1.2 million ongoing expenditures).
- FY 2014 request includes spending authority for dedicated funding sources (Geothermal and Petroleum Price Violation Settlement dollars) in anticipation of reduced grant opportunities.

# OER's Current Major Activities

- State/Provincial Steering committee for Regional Transmission Expansion Planning
- WGA Regional Transmission Line Siting Workgroup
- Idaho Power Integrated Resource Plan Advisory Committee
- Idaho Energy Code Collaborative
- PNWER/Idaho Council
- LINE Commission
- Coordinate Industrial Energy Efficiency Issues

# OER's Current Major Activities (continued)

## ■ Cooperating Agency for Idaho

- Gateway West Transmission Line Project
  - ✓ BLM Preferred Alternative Routes opposed by Counties, Cities, and Citizens
  - ✓ Facilitating discussions to resolve these issues
- Hooper Springs Transmission Line Project
  - ✓ BPA proposed route opposed by Caribou County and local landowners
  - ✓ Facilitating discussions between BPA and local residents
- Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line
  - ✓ Coordinating the state's comments on the Administrative Draft EIS

Thank You

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