

Ready for Recovery: The Ohio Weatherization Program's Ramp-Up

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This report summarizes Ohio's ramp-up of the state's Weatherization Assistance Program (W.A.P.) up to the announcement of its American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Ohio's W.A.P. program staff and local Weatherization agencies have increased their capacity over the past 3 months so that they can meet their ARRA production goals, as summarized below:

Ramp-up At a glance:

Hired/Purchased	Count
People Hired	173.5*
Still Interviewing for -	56*
Contracting Companies	25*
Vehicles	126**
Blower Doors	142**
Insulation Machines	70**
Truck-mounted Generators	68**
IR Scanners	70**

**Data provided by OPAE Survey * Data provided by OACAA Survey

OHIO's Readiness Highlights:

- Approximately 200 jobs created (about 86% filled);
- 25 more contracting companies hired;
- 126 vehicles purchased;
- 142 blower doors purchased;
- 70 insulation blowing machines purchased;
- 68 additional truck-mounted generators purchased;
- 70 IR Scanners purchased;
- Agencies are buying Ohio products, including vehicles from OHIO manufacturing facilities and local auto dealers;
- Some local vendors such as Lowe's are hiring more staff and retaining the staff they have to accommodate anticipated demand.

Real Results, Real Readiness:

- ☑ Insulation machine manufacturer Krendl in Delphos, Ohio recently added an additional shift due to increased demand from ARRA-funded purchases;



<http://krendlmachine.com/>

- ☑ Gallia-Meigs Community Action Agency, based in Cheshire, serves Meigs and Gallia Counties. The agency reports that they typically work on 4 or 5 homes each month. However, in April 2009, they worked on 15.

- ☑ Ohio Heartland Community Action Council, located in Marion, provides weatherization services to Crawford, Marion, and Morrow Counties. They previously averaging 8 to 10 homes per month; they weatherized 22 in April 2009. They are also cross-training crew members in the hope that they can retain them after the ARRA funding is spent. They are the number one account for their local Lowe's store and it is hiring.

- ☑ Stark County Community Action, based in Canton, uses private contractors as the weatherization installation workforce. They have jumped from 3 insulation contractors last year to 15 and from 6 to 15 HVAC contractors as a result of anticipated ARRA funding. The contractors are hiring.

- ☑ CAP-Dayton, in the city of Dayton and serving the greater Dayton area is hiring 30 people and also anticipates additional positions being created following promotions after the program expands.

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