



NEWS RELEASE

IDAHO OFFICE OF ENERGY RESOURCES

Release 2009-37

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Boise, Idaho – September 24, 2009

Contact: Paul Kjellander 287-4903
Administrator Office of Energy Resources

Micron Awarded Stimulus Funds for Energy-Efficient Lighting Technology Development Project

**Governor Otter Announces Stimulus Support for Project to Develop Technology,
Reuse Facilities and Create Jobs at
Idaho Innovation Summit at 9:15 a.m. on September 24**

The Idaho Office of Energy Resources (OER) will award \$5 million in available American Recovery and Reinvestment Act stimulus funds to Micron Technology Inc. to advance a program focused on producing energy-efficient light-emitting diode (LED) technology.

LED technology uses approximately 1/7 of the electricity of today's standard lighting sources. Applications include general commercial and residential illumination, municipal streetlights and outdoor area lighting; off-grid lighting powered by solar for remote locations; television and display backlighting as well as automotive lighting and instrument illumination.

Micron's LED development efforts were one of four projects selected in May by OER and reviewed by a council convened by the Idaho Department of Commerce as the best proposals to stimulate Idaho's economy while creating an industry that promotes energy efficiency.

"The project fits Idaho's long-term economic development goals through creation of quality jobs and career opportunities in an innovative industry," Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter said.

This stimulus funding provides additional financial support to the significant capital and assets Micron has also committed to the project. These include Idaho-based fabrication facilities, world-class research and development personnel and advanced production tools and machinery.

OER Administrator Paul Kjellander said, "Investing in a new direction for Idaho's high-technology industry will restore jobs and growth for Idaho."

"LED technology aligns well with Micron's core semiconductor technology expertise," said Scott DeBoer, Micron Vice President of Process R&D. "The stimulus support announced today, together with the significant R&D investments Micron is making toward this project, further the possibility that this effort could help Idaho grow as a leader in energy-efficient LED technology."

More information about these projects and the Office of Energy Resources is available at <http://www.energy.idaho.gov/>

(END)