



Transcript --- Intro and Overview --- How Builders Can Find Stimulus Dollars

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There's an enormous amount of money moving from the Economic Recovery Act into green buildings. It's coming from a variety of places, all across the federal government, and down into our state and local governments, and neighborhoods across the country. It's on an order of magnitude that's really unseen in our history—it's billions and tens of billions of dollars, in a variety of different places, in which direct spending, some of it will be within the federal government; some of its tax incentives to consumers to make energy efficiency improvements on their own. So there's a variety of mechanisms that will help increase the efficiency of the country, which reduces long-term energy costs, but also creates jobs. This is the purpose of the act, and this is really one of the key ways to accomplishing that.