



Transcript --- Follow the GSA --- How Builders Can Find Stimulus Dollars

So the \$4.5 billion that's going to the General Services Administration for green building retrofits is really a revolutionary move by the government to increase its efficiency. GSA has a mandate to increase the energy efficiency of federal buildings, so they'll be making steps to meet those goals. They are located all across the country, and the program itself is going to be... it's a considerable leap forward for GSA. So they're establishing a new office to help manage this: that's the Office of High Performance Green Buildings within the GSA, and they have a website that's being set up.

And they've announced, though a lot of the details of this program are still very unclear, that they'll be setting up regional offices to help manage this. So the GSA website would be one of the first places to look. And then within that, there'll be a new Program Management Office in the Office of High Performance Green Buildings. And these will be the key implementing agencies/offices.

We can look to see the focus of these projects on energy efficiency *improvements*. There'll be a wider range of applications and things the GSA is looking to do, particularly if they're doing a whole building. They'll look at a more comprehensive suite of activities they can engage in. But, really, the key game will be energy efficiency.

The GSA is the largest landlord in the nation, and this money will go out to all of their facilities. But I know that GSA, at the moment, does have a list... they have a backlog of projects that they need to get done and they're working through [that] to prioritize where the money's going to go. Major facilities or just minor office space, there are regional departments for an awful lot of the agencies and there's a lot of work that happens just across the states, depending on location...