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### American Public Works Association “ready-to-go” local public works projects survey

The American Public Works Association (APWA) conducted a survey of its members in November 2008 to collect data on the number of local public works infrastructure projects which are ready to go within 90 days but currently lack the funding to proceed. We believe these projects will create an immediate stimulative impact on the economy.

The survey identified more than 3,600 shovel-ready public works projects in local communities, with a funding need totaling more than \$15 billion. Fully funding infrastructure projects through a robust national economic recovery program that invests in local infrastructure will create jobs, stimulate economic recovery and lay the foundation for long-term economic growth. Funding these projects, just a sample of the identified local need, would generate approximately 532,794 jobs.

Survey respondents identified road widening, paving, traffic light and signal repair work, highway intersection improvements, storm drain pipe realignments, pumping station improvements, sewer line replacements, treatment plant upgrades, water valve replacement, pedestrian underpass safety improvements and basic sidewalk repair projects that are ready to proceed except for the lack of necessary funding.

APWA’s more than 29,500 members design, build, operate, manage, administer and maintain the transportation, water supply, sewage and refuse disposal systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential to our nation’s economy and way of life. For more information, please contact Jim Fahey, APWA Director of Government and Public Affairs, at (202) 218-6731 or [jfahey@apwa.net](mailto:jfahey@apwa.net).

State	Number of Unfunded Projects	Project Dollar Amount per State
Alabama <sup>1</sup>	n/a	n/a
Alaska	2	11,500,000
Arizona	196	2,508,687,646
Arkansas <sup>2</sup>	n/a	n/a
California	572	2,110,227,898

<sup>1</sup> Received no response from Alabama.

<sup>2</sup> Received no response from Arkansas.

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Colorado	50	189,500,000
Connecticut	29	42,500,000
Delaware	2	2500000
Florida	228	1020690000
Georgia	93	387,020,000
<i>Hawaii</i> <sup>3</sup>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Idaho	5	22,200,000
Illinois	335	933,981,269
Indiana	7	47,187,000
Iowa	43	35,140,000
Kansas	54	165,500,000
Kentucky	9	57,261,975
Louisiana	10	816,000,000
Maine	14	8,600,000
Maryland	13	568,460,000
Massachusetts	60	297,005,000
Michigan	487	921,920,000
Minnesota	74	338,885,800
Mississippi	3	2,000,000
Missouri	168	185,306,000
Montana	11	58,926,026
Nebraska	20	30,700,000
Nevada	43	297,877,000
New Hampshire	7	7,500,000
New Jersey	22	30,600,000
<i>New Mexico</i> <sup>4</sup>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
New York	163	227,616,000
North Carolina	76	190,210,000
North Dakota	1	756,548
Ohio	47	62,650,000
<i>Oklahoma</i> <sup>5</sup>	<i>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>
Oregon	125	480,782,600
Pennsylvania	25	42,805,000
Rhode Island	18	84,820,000
South Carolina	32	235,890,000
South Dakota	12	5,000,000
Tennessee	30	112,045,000
Texas	152	1,729,401,145

<sup>3</sup> Received no response from Hawaii.

<sup>4</sup> Received no response from New Mexico.

<sup>5</sup> No response from Oregon.



Utah	33	84,959,582
Vermont	9	13,771,000
Virginia	46	356,175,000
Washington	146	510,712,083
West Virginia <sup>6</sup>	n/a	n/a
Wisconsin	164	139,345,000
Wyoming <sup>7</sup>	n/a	n/a
<b>TOTAL<sup>8</sup></b>	<b>3,636</b>	<b>\$15,354,614572 Billion</b>

<sup>6</sup> No response from West Virginia.

<sup>7</sup> No response from Wyoming.

<sup>8</sup> Please note that the \$15.3 billion indicates the total dollar amount needed for those states that indicated they have unfunded ready-to-go projects. Of the states that indicated how many unfunded ready-to-go projects they have, it was determined that they are in need of \$14.4 billion.