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Arizona Receives National Recognition for Advancement of Wastewater Infrastructure Recovery Act Funds

*U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Chair Lauds State for
Third Best Record in the Nation*

PHOENIX – Governor Jan Brewer today announced the state received accolades from U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman, James Oberstar, praising Arizona for “moving forward aggressively” in using the funds provided under the Recovery Act for Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF).

“I’d like to congratulate Department of Environmental Quality Director and Chairman of the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority (WIFA), Benjamin Grumbles, and WIFA Executive Director Judy Navarette for their leadership in ensuring these Recovery Act funds have been invested quickly and effectively to create and maintain family-wage jobs for the citizens of Arizona,” said Governor Jan Brewer. “In addition, I’d like to thank the employees of the State of Arizona who worked together in coordinating, facilitating and transferring the Recovery Act data to the federal government.”

“By putting a priority on infrastructure investments we’re providing a firm foundation for healthy communities and green jobs well into the future,” said Director Grumbles.

Based upon the state’s September 30th Section 1512 report, Oberstar said 88.8 percent of Arizona’s Recovery Act funds for Clean Water SRF projects are out to bid, 88.8 percent of funds are under contract, and 83.8 percent of funds are underway. “Commendably, Arizona had the third best record among all States,” Oberstar wrote in a November 17th letter to Governor Brewer. “I expect that your State will continue to keep up the good work and serve as a model for other States around the nation,” Oberstar added.

The rankings include all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Nationally, 47.9 percent of Recovery Act funds for Clean Water SRF projects are out to bid, 30.2 percent of funds are under contract, and 23 percent of funds are underway.

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