



**U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy
and
Vermont Governor James Douglas
present**



**The American Recovery
and Reinvestment Act Workshop**

**Friday, March 6, 2009, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Champlain College, Burlington, Vt.
IDX Student Life Center, 265 South Willard Street**

Register by Wednesday, March 4th: go to www.leahy.senate.gov or call 1-800-642-3193

Wondering how your business, municipality, organization, or non-profit could benefit from the recently enacted economic recovery bill? Interested in how the stimulus bill might help you buy a home or impact your family's bottom line this year? U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy, Governor James Douglas, the Vermont Procurement Technical Assistance Center, and the Vermont Small Business Development Center invite you to attend a FREE workshop that will help Vermonters understand selected programs included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

- 1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.:** Welcome and remarks by U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy and Governor James Douglas
1:45 p.m. – 3 p.m.: Attend one of seven workshops designed to help Vermonters take advantage of the recovery bill
3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.: Workshops repeat to allow you an opportunity to attend a second workshop

The Stimulus and Your Family	Doing Business with Government	Business Provisions of the Stimulus	Broadband and Energy Provisions
<p><i>This session is designed for Vermonters and service providers interested in how the stimulus will impact them directly. Learn about:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax Incentives to Buy a Car or Home • Social Security, SSI, Unemployment, Health Care and Veterans Benefits • Home Weatherization • Hunger Assistance 	<p><i>This session is designed for small business owners interested in doing business with the government. Learn about:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The GSA • The Procurement Process • Bidding on Contracts • Taking Advantage of Small Business Set-a-Sides 	<p><i>This session is designed for small business owners looking to access new capital or weather the economic downturn. Learn about:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New SBA Loans • The Vt. Small Business Development Center • Rural Development Loans • New Small Business Tax Provisions • New Economic Development Programs 	<p><i>This session is designed for economic development professionals and small businesses. Learn about:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Efficiency Opportunities • The Smart Grid Initiative • Broadband Grants • GSA's Energy Efficiency Program
First Responders and Criminal Justice	Vermont's Infrastructure – Roads, Water Projects and Economic Development		Health, Education, Labor and Human Services
<p><i>This session is designed for municipal representatives, mission-based non-profit organizations and first responders. Learn about:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Grants to Build Fire Stations • Law Enforcement Funding Opportunities • Abuse Prevention Funds • Crime Victims' Funds 	<p><i>This session is designed for municipal representatives, economic development professionals, small businesses, and non-profit representatives. Learn about:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet Representatives of Vermont's Economic Recovery Office • The Vermont Agency of Transportation's Plans for More Than \$130 Million in Transportation Improvements Throughout Vermont • The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources' Plans for More Than \$35 Million in Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvements • Rural Development's Community and Economic Development Grants • The U.S. Economic Development Administration Grant Process • More Than \$2 Million of New Community Development Block Grants • The New Market Tax Credit Program • And Other Affordable Housing Development Programs 		<p><i>This session is designed for non-profit organizations, health care providers, and municipal education officials. Learn about:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce Development • CSBG Grants • Title I Funding • The Stabilization Fund • Medicaid • New Health Care Information Technology Grants • Unemployment Assistance