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**PATRICK-MURRAY ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES  
SECOND ANNUAL MASSWORKS INFRASTRUCTURE  
PROGRAM GRANT ROUND**

*New 2012 MassWorks Infrastructure Program application, scoring system and online mapping tool now available*

BOSTON – Tuesday, May 8, 2012 – Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray and Secretary of Housing and Economic Development (HED) Greg Bialecki today released the MassWorks Infrastructure Program materials for the 2012 grant round, giving public entities a head start on gathering information they need to apply for grants this August.

The MassWorks Infrastructure Program provides a one-stop shop for municipalities and other eligible public entities seeking public infrastructure funding to support economic development and job creation. Municipalities with a population of 7,000 or less may also seek grants for road improvement that enhance safety.

The second annual MassWorks Infrastructure Program grant round will be open to new applications through an online system between Monday, Aug. 27 and Monday, Sept. 10. By placing information online now for communities to review, grant applicants will have a longer period of time to put together their best application.

“By investing in local infrastructure improvements, Massachusetts will continue to foster greater economic development and job creation in regions across the state,” said Lieutenant Governor Murray. “The MassWorks Infrastructure Program provides municipalities with an efficient and effective tool to leverage strategic investments and job opportunities that will benefit both communities and the Commonwealth.”

A copy of the 2012 application, guidelines, scoring, FAQ and other relevant materials are now available on the HED website at <http://mass.gov/hed/massworks>. The electronic application system will open on June 1, providing applicants with more than 12 weeks to complete their application before the submittal period opens on Aug. 27. All of the data submitted during the 2011 grant round will be available for updating, providing for the easy reapplication of a project submitted in 2011. All decisions will be rendered by the end of October.

Also released on the HED website today is an online mapping tool, created in partnership between HED and MassGIS, to assist municipalities with planning ahead for growth. The mapping tool can be used to assist with the MassWorks application,

enabling local officials to quickly and easily identify the boundaries of their proposed infrastructure project and share other details about the goals of the project with HED.

“Through MassWorks, we have an efficient, effective and accountable way to identify infrastructure projects that will have a positive impact on local economic development,” said Secretary Bialecki. “Through this program, we are giving local officials more tools to support local job creation, one of the identified strategies in the state’s economic development plan.”

“MassWorks smoothes the road between municipal ideas and economic development, saving public time and money in the quest for good infrastructure, good development and a good economy.” said Buzz Constable, a developer and President of the Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies (MARPA).

The first competitive MassWorks grant round was held in September 2011. HED received 158 applications for more than \$400 million in infrastructure grants submitted by cities and towns from across the state. Applications were reviewed for consistency with the program’s priorities, including readiness to proceed with construction and the state’s sustainable development principles. In total, HED awarded grants to 42 communities throughout Massachusetts for public infrastructure projects that will begin this spring and summer. A summary of the 2011 grant round is also available on the MassWorks Infrastructure Program website.

To learn more about the MassWorks Infrastructure Program and how it is supporting job growth and long term, sustainable economic development, please visit: <http://mass.gov/hed/massworks>.

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