

**Rebuild America (RBA)** - This US Department of Energy program helps communities form partnerships to increase the energy efficiency of buildings owned by school corporations, businesses, universities and political subdivisions, as well as multi-family and public housing facilities. Communities will receive technical assistance to develop and implement action plans designed to achieve goals including neighborhood revitalization, Main Street economic growth, sustainability and rebuilding infrastructure. A program representative will help identify local resources and financing options, and facilitate special assistance from RBA to help complete the project. A limited number of grants are available: both to assist communities in administering the program locally and as seed grants for revolving loans. Community partnerships are also eligible for free building energy audits to determine energy-efficiency improvements. School partnerships that are considering entering into guaranteed energy savings contracts (GESCs) with energy service providers are eligible for the free GESC proposal evaluation service. RBA partnerships can save money, create jobs, promote community growth and protect the environment. Over 200 community partnerships across the country have joined RBA, representing an exciting variety of states, large cities, small towns and universities. By the year 2003, RBA partnerships will help in the renovation of 2 billion square feet of building space, putting \$650 million a year back into communities. For more information, visit Rebuild America (<http://www.rebuild.org/index.html>) online or contact Indiana's RBA representative at the Energy & Recycling Office at (317) 232-8979.