# Business Energy Conservation Revolving Loan Fund

### Received \$2 million from PUC to capitalize fund

#### Goal:

Improve competitiveness of large NH businesses by providing direct loans to improve energy efficiency

### **Issues Addressed:**

- Huge opportunities to save energy and \$s
- Improvements difficult to finance because of no or weak collateral
- Weak economy/poor company financial results

## **Accomplishments:**

#### Committed all funds within 5 months.

- Closed loans totaling \$1.25 million
- One project completed and in repayment.
- Project totals -
  - 1) 570,625 square feet
  - 2) 653 employees
  - 3) \$4,078,000 in funding leveraged
  - 4) Annual energy savings of 50,643 therms, 1,375,080 gallons of oil and 2,543,303 kwh

Borrower	Loan Amt (1000s)	Committed to date	Spent to date	Match	Jobs		Notes
Foss Manufacturing	750	750	750	61	306	328 *	Elec upgrades complete DC motor upgrade complete Lifgting upgrade in process
Vitex Extrusion	500	500	227.75	26		85	Equipment ordered, fall install
AVRRDD	710	0	0	3991		240	Methane/natural gas project equip to be ordered this month
	1960	1250	977.75	4078		653	equip to be ordered this month

 $<sup>{}^{</sup>ullet}$  Plus in-kind labor to design and implement improvements, USDA matching grant was not approved

# **Obstacles:**

- Low energy prices no sense of urgency
- Skepticism regarding savings
- Timing issues coordinating with other funders
- Delays in receiving equipment
- Lack of funding continuity