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Vice President Joe Biden has announced the selection of 25 communities nationwide for up to $452 million in federal funding for retrofits. Supporters say the various programs will help make energy efficiency accessible to hundreds of thousands of homeowners and businesses.

The **U.S. Department of Energy** awarded the $25 million to the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning. It'll put the money into a program called the Chicago Region Retrofit Ramp-up Program, which aims to retrofit both commercial and residential buildings.

Plans include setting up a one-stop-shop info center where building owners can arrange and finance the energy efficiency projects.

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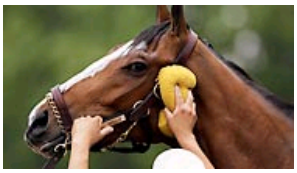

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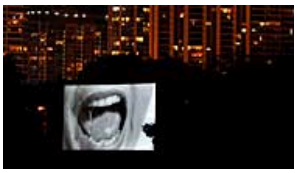

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