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Chicago area lands energy-efficiency cash

CHICAGO – The Chicago area has landed $25 million in stimulus cash to make buildings more energy efficient by retrofitting them.

Vice President Joe Biden has announced the selection of 25 communities nationwide for up to $452 million in federal funding for retrofits. Supporters said 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.

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First conference focuses on science teamwork

CHICAGO – Teamwork in science is drawing scores of researchers to Chicago for a three-day conference.

The agenda is examining ways to get scientists to work together so they can speed up discoveries to improve human health.

Northwestern University is playing host to this first-ever conference, which starts Thursday. Leaders in the field will attend, including National Cancer Institute scientist Kara Hall, who coined the phrase "science of team science."

Participants will learn how findings from team science research can translate into evidence-based guidance for scientific teams. And that ultimately should help those teams perform better.

Northwestern medical students show gratitude

CHICAGO – Students at Northwestern University have planned a ceremony to show gratitude for people who have donated their bodies to science.

Medical students use cadavers in their study of anatomy.

They've planned a thank you event for Friday afternoon at the Chicago campus.

Families of donors are scheduled to attend the ceremony that'll feature readings, musical performances and a flower ceremony.

Emanuel visiting Chicago

CHICAGO – White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel is coming back to Chicago after recently saying he'd one day like to run for mayor.

But he's not coming home to switch jobs. Emanuel is scheduled to be here next week to take part in the sixth annual Richard J. Daley Global Cities Forum. The forum is named for the late Mayor Daley whose long-serving son Emanuel would one day like to replace in the city's top job.

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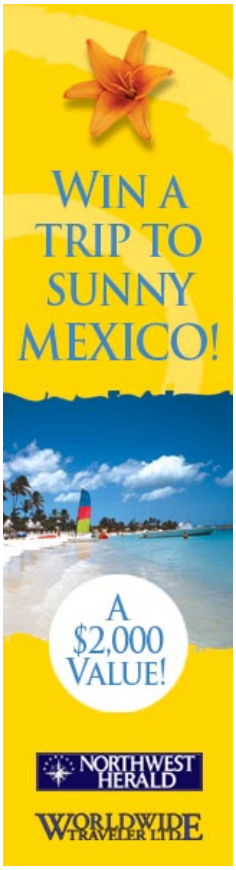

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