

## **The Apollo Alliance**

Since its launch in 2003, the Apollo Alliance, a project of the Institute for America's Future and the Center on Wisconsin Strategy, has been working at the state and municipal levels to advance clean energy jobs strategies. One of our most recent accomplishments: the release of a report written in conjunction with Policy Matters Ohio that describes job creation potential produced by a significant investment in the renewables industry. Details on the report can be found at: <http://www.policymattersohio.org/generating.htm>. Reports for other states are in progress.

In September, New York City Apollo led a successful energy efficiency campaign resulting in the unanimous passage of a High Performance Buildings bill by the City Council. Working with labor unions, community-based organizations, business partners, and environmental and environmental justice advocates, NYC Apollo has been instrumental in educating New Yorkers about the economic and social benefits of energy efficient technology and high performance buildings. On September 15, the New York City Council passed 324-A, a new piece of legislation that would require that significant construction and renovation projects built with capital funds adhere to high performance principles. This is a major victory for New York City, since high performance construction will diminish energy use and spur new jobs by expanding high performance product, design and manufacturing markets. The bill is expected to create hundreds of new jobs for New York City workers.