

Elected officials from throughout metro Birmingham announced the formation of the **Alabama Green Initiative** (AGI) on Friday. AGI is, [according to Friday's press release](#), "a non-profit organization created to assist the municipalities of the metro Birmingham area in applying for and receiving green-only and stimulus grant monies from President Barack Obama's upcoming stimulus package." It could be one of the most powerful moves yet to a truly regional approach to the area's future.

According to reports, this is the first such partnership in Alabama and the United States. The organization will be headed up by Birmingham Mayor [Larry Langford](#) and Hoover Mayor [Tony Petelos](#), with participation from other cities and the Jefferson County Commission.

Examples of programs that will be targeted by the new organization include low emission vehicles, public works' projects and large-scale community structures utilizing green-building standards.