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Municipal Clerks for Mayors, Elected Officials and Staff



May 14, 2010

Re: Grant Applications – Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants

Dear Mayor:

The Board of Public Utilities President Lee A. Solomon has asked me to forward to you the text of a letter he has authorized to explain a new rebates program for municipalities and counties through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) Program. William G. Dressel, Jr. Executive Director The text of the letter follows:

Dear Public Official:

At a time of budget cuts and cost savings, the NJBPU is launching a new energy savings program that can also help you save money and help us all sustain our environment. Rebates that can help eligible municipalities and counties save energy and costs are not available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) program. The NJBPU is making this program available to eligible municipalities and counties through a very simple rebate process.

The new EECBG rebates of up to \$20,000 will be available through the New Jersey's Board of Public Utilities' Clean Energy Program (NJCEP) to all municipalities and counties that are not recipients of a direct Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Energy. To see if your municipality/county qualifies for these new EECBG rebates, visit NJCleanEnergy.com/eecbg. The site also has application details and a list of qualifying energy conservation measures. Based on prior energy audits performed through the NJCEP energy audit program, local governments can save significantly on avoided energy costs. There are three methods in which a municipality or county can qualify for the rebate.

1. Applicants must participate in at least one of the following eligible

commercial and industrial Clean Energy programs:

- a. **Direct Install**, a turnkey equipment replacement service designed for small to medium sized facilities that covers up to 80% of project costs;
 - b. **Pay for Performance**, a whole-building approach for large buildings that provides financial incentives based on actual savings as compared to an Energy Reduction Plan designed for your specific facility;
 - c. **NJ SmartStart Buildings**, which provides financial incentives for energy efficient heating and cooling equipment, lighting upgrades, and devices that control energy usage (recommended by a **Local Government Energy Audit** or an equivalent audit conducted within the past 12 months); or
2. Applicants must enroll in an eligible utility energy efficiency incentive program; or
 3. Applicants must install building shell measures recommended by the Clean Energy Local Government Energy Audit Program.

Applications must be received by April 1, 2012 and project installation must be completed before Aug. 1, 2012. Previously installed measures are not eligible.

For more information please visit the website or contact the NJ Clean Energy Program's commercial and industrial market manager at 866-NJSMART, ext. 4.

Training sessions are being held by the NJBPU, the League of Municipalities and Sustainable Jersey on how to apply for the grants and how to maximize benefits from the \$20,000 Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants. These sessions will take place on Thursday, June 2, located at Gloucester County Library, Mullican Hill Branch and on June 10, at the Hanover Township Municipal Building. For more information on the sessions and to register, please visit the Clean Energy website at:<http://www.njcleanenergy.com/main/green-job-training/green-job-training/?p=1&ex=1#2585>

Sincerely,

Lee A. Solomon

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