

Pre-Application Submission to the Department of Energy State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (SEEARP)

The State of Wyoming has the option to apply for up to \$511,000 to develop and deploy a rebate program for residential Energy Star appliance products. This is a formula-based award and is intended to establish or supplement established Energy Star Appliance rebate programs. The objectives of the rebate program are:

- save energy by encouraging appliance replacement through consumer rebates
- make rebates available to consumers
- enhance existing rebate programs by leveraging Energy Star national partner relationships and local program infrastructure
- keep administrative costs low while adhering to monitoring and evaluation requirements
- promote state and national tracking and accountability
- use existing Energy Star consumer education and outreach materials.

TIMELINE

The final application deadline for this Funding Opportunity Announcement is October 15th, 2009. DOE awards could be made 2-3 months after that date. Awarded funds need to be expended by February 17, 2012.

PRELIMINARY PLAN

Two options are currently being explored for inclusion in a final plan, if a plan results. The first option is to deploy rebates through Wyoming's utility companies. The SEO is surveying each Wyoming utility to gauge interest in this program. The second option is to explore a partnership with the Wyoming Community Development Authority (WCDA). The WCDA operates a program titled "Energy Savers". The program offers special financing packages for the repair or replacement of home systems, such as furnaces, insulation, doors.

The rebates could apply to items such as: boilers, central air, clothes washers, dishwashers, freezers, furnaces, hot pumps, refrigerators and water heaters. Rebate amounts have not been determined for the Wyoming program

FUNDING

Up to 10% of the \$511,000 could be used for administrative with a match of 50/50. SEO has not determined if administrative costs will be part of the plan. If administrative is used then that would leave \$459,900 in rebate funds. Rebate amounts have not been determined for the Wyoming program.

A pre-application was submitted to the Department of Energy on August 14, 2009. The pre-application allows the State Energy Office time to explore options on if or how an appliance rebate program would be deployed within Wyoming Business Council

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