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ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ANNOUNCEMENT

DES MOINES – The Iowa Office of Energy Independence is seeking proposals from cities and counties across the state for projects that will reduce energy use, have a positive impact on budgets and enhance economic development through job creation. This grant is based on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

The purpose of the Iowa EECBG program is to provide funding, via a competitive grant process, to assist local governments in creating and implementing strategies to:

- Reduce fossil fuel emissions in a manner that is environmentally sustainable and, to the maximum extent practicable, maximize benefits for local and regional communities
- Reduce total energy use of the eligible entities
- Improve energy efficiency in the building, transportation and other appropriate sectors
- Create and retain jobs

Up to \$8,634,400 of ARRA-EECBG funding is available for grants to be awarded under the program. This will be a competitive funding process with six application categories.

- 1) Energy efficiency retrofits of existing facilities for nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies.
- 2) Development and implementation of energy efficiency and conservation programs for buildings and facilities within the jurisdiction of an entity.
- 3) Development and implementation of programs to conserve energy used in transportation.
- 4) Development and implementation of building codes and inspection services, compliance, training and enforcement associated with such codes in order to promote building energy efficiency;
- 5) Replacement of traffic signals and street lighting with energy efficient technologies; and
- 6) Development, implementation, and installation on or in any government building of onsite renewable energy technology that generates electricity from renewable resources, provided that:

We strongly encourage those interested to submit applications electronically through this website: www.iowagrants.gov. Materials will be available for registration February 3, 2010. For more information visit our website at www.energy.iowa.gov .

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The Office of Energy Independence (OEI) sets the strategic direction for Iowa's clean energy future by identifying goals to achieve desired results. The office will align state government efforts for achieving energy independence through partnerships with business and industry, community leaders, government and public agencies, and other stakeholders.

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