

# **OFFICE OF THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT**

## **MEETING OF THE ENERGY REVIEW TEAM**

### **PUBLIC SESSION**

**August 13, 2009**

**The OERR Energy Review Team met on Thursday, August 13, 2009 in Public Session in the offices of the University of Rhode Island, Graduate School of Oceanography, South Ferry Road, Narragansett, Rhode Island pursuant to notice of the meeting to all Members and public notice of meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto, as required by applicable Rhode Island Law.**

**The following Members were present and participated throughout the meeting as indicated: Dr. David Farmer, Chairperson; Thomas Ahern; John Farley; Samuel Krasnow; J. Michael Saul; and Noreen Shawcross. Kevin Flynn was absent from the meeting.**

**Others present included: Jennifer Pereira, RI Foundation, and panel staff.**

**Welcome**

**Dr. Farmer called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. by welcoming everyone and asking the Energy Review Committee and staff members to re-introduce themselves, as he is new to the team and this meeting was his first activity since being designated chairman.**

### **Status of Energy Applications**

**Dr. Farmer informed the team that the State Energy Plan submitted on May 12th, 2009 has been approved and once again went over how the ARRA-SEP and ARRA-EECBG funds will be allocated:**

**1. ARRA-SEP (\$23.960mm)**

**A) Energy Efficiency (\$8.395mm)**

**1) Commercial & Industrial - \$4.597mm**

**2) Residential - \$2.298mm**

**3) Transportation - \$1.00mm**

**4) Green Buildings - \$0.500mm**

**B) Renewable Energy (\$13.395mm)**

**1) Utility Scale Renewable - \$5.00mm**

**2) Non-Utility Scale Renewable - \$8.395mm**

**C) Administration (\$1.919mm)**

**\*\*All these funds will include RFPs**

**2. ARRA-EECBG (\$9.594mm) - Pending**

**A) Performance Contracting (\$0.719mm)**

**\$5,000 plus \$0.50 per capita to each city and town**

**B) Base Grants (\$5.386mm through OER)**

**\$9.78 per capita for each city town, includes direct support from DOE**

**C) Competitive Pool (\$2.989mm)**

**Largest 10 Communities (\$1.666mm)**

**Smaller 29 Communities (\$1.323mm)**

**D) Administration (\$0.500mm)**

**Dr. Farmer reminded the group that the primary responsibility this team is to get the RFP's out to the public and then turned the table over to Dr. Payne for further comments. Dr. Payne stated that they plan to put out about 10 RFP's that will go along with the 10 enumerated items on the list. Rather than giving a general RFP, these separate RFP's will allow the public to apply where they see fit. The Office of Energy Resource and Recovery also suggested staggering these RFP's so they will come in sequentially rather than all at once. The details and relative mechanics still need to be worked out, however.**

**J. Michael Saul then inquired about how each pocket of money will be managed. As these are rolled out into the market there needs to be a means of communications. Dr. Payne reminded the group that the ARRA favors existing programs, and that existing infrastructure needs to be used and agreed that communication is very important. Ms. Janet Keller informed the team that a communications employee is currently being hired, to work day to day, and will report to the**

**OERR and OER.**

### **Schedule of Process**

**Dr. David Farmer then went over a tentative time line for the next month and reminded the team that the role of the ERT is strictly advisory. It recommends an RFP process to the OERR and the Governor, reviews whether the scoring of proposals conforms to the approved process, and then transmits those eligible proposals for consideration to the OERR and Governor.**

**The proposals will go out; the panel staff will receive the applications and evaluate them in terms of the necessary criteria - criteria that will be published to those who are applying. Once ranked, those proposals will come to the ERT members who will ensure they are ranked fairly, and will then send the recommended proposals to the OERR and Governor. This is to avoid any conflict of interest.**

### **Other Business/Next Meeting**

**The next Energy Review Team meeting will take place on September 11th, 2009 in the offices of the University of Rhode Island, Graduate School of Oceanography, beginning at 9:30 a.m.**

## **Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.**

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**Kristen A. Coogan**

**Secretary**