

SEP Public Meeting

December 9, 2009

Regulations for the EECBG Program

Opening

Emergency Rule: allows for things to start immediately, not 3 months down the road as regular rule making does. Final rules will be established after to benefit everyone

Introduce: Larry Kunkel, Sr Advisory on Renewable Energy to the Gov. Will advise admin on important info that is coming up, local and statehouse level. Email: lkunkel@gov.state.ri.us

Overview on EECBG

Presentation

Eligibility: Cities and town, individually or collectively

Several applications

f{ strategic plan apps

f{ submit before january 22, 2010

f{ app form will be available january 4

f{ workshop will be held on january 12

f{ energy performance contracting apps

f{ to be submitted before april 2, 2010

f{ base grant applications

f{ to be submitted before may 7, 2010

f{ competitive grant apps

f{ to be submitted before june 7 2010

KP: We will begin to formulate and describe things that will be useful to you who apply, and will work to send those out as we go along, up until the 13th, so you can be better prepared when the workshop comes up.

?: Joint application, is that 10% of each community

KP: Yes, if you don't need that amount, don't ask for that amount.

KP: Want applications on or before so we can start the job process as soon as possible.

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?: Re: reimbursing older projects

KP: I can check on that, however believe this funding is forward thinking rather than for reimbursements.

C: For cities that received formula 1 funding, it doesn't make much sense to rebid 4 months later, but rather to capitalize on all the funding at one time and have one contract.

KP: If you are doing a project that still has work to be done, or are expanding a project, I don't see a problem with using funding for that.

Doesn't mean we are going to reimburse things that are already paid for.

KP: Anything other than ESCOs where there are sequencing issues?

C: If you're an entitlement community, most contracting out has

already happened, negotiations re: ESCO's has already occurred.

KP: If you've already done an ESCO agreement, you want the ability to transfer the money to another area, what I would call the base grant application, is that correct? That seems reasonable.

C: Yes.

NORESCO: everything that's not used in the first pot gets moved to the second?

KP: Yes. We will make sure we can add rounds and adjust dates

?: Is there a list of ESCOs that we can get that are qualified or recommended?

KP: there is one that is floating around, not quite clear when it will be available.

KP: One shift you will see re: definitions is that we used the RI Guidance definitions

?: these are draft regulations, when are the final going to be available.

KP: I can say there will be another set of regulations done by Monday. Still not sure if we should do emergency or regular filing. Deep reluctance on some to do emergency rules.

?: when will we know which way you will choose

KP: I'd say within the week.

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Historic Preservation Review...

Discussion on who can do solar panels with ARRA funds and who can do it with tax credits

Slides...

You may apply to any eligible activity; beneficiaries may be bigger than municipalities

KP: Hope to have large and small C&I out by mid January, roughly \$6 mil. Average demand of 200 kw. = over 40,000 kw hrs a month.

KP: OER is overseeing 3 major categories of funding: weatherization program for low income houses (WAP); utility scale renewable energy piece under SEP (\$13.395 mil); and EECSBG (9.5 mil). All are now in process.

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KP: Go to pg 5, Program Description, section 4.01. May want to consider doing geothermal heat pumps with photovoltaics.

?: #5 under that, leveraging of funds: Couldn't we state that it is most applicable to Activity 3, competitive grants, vs the performance contracting or per capita allocations/community?

KP: I think there will be things where you can, certainly under the ESCO's, because you are getting the value of what the municipality pays over time as opposed to entering into the performance contracting.

?: Can you combine these funds with REF?

KP: YES. And we talked to the EDC re: this and the feel that is a good and desirable outcome

?: Paragraph about performance contracting - I would suggest simplifying. Say 'consultant support' or 'support for consultants'.

KP: Send me what you have in mind

PG 7, Section 4.03 1:02:00

KP: Chose short list of eligible uses rather than the 14, can use funds for Federally eligible uses. Limits on use of funds, sect 4.04 are also Federally established. 4.04.03 is really talking about consultants. Section 4.05, special terms, re: Appendix A from Loius Quatro (?)

KP: Section 4.07, Ineligible Projects and Costs, comes right from the Feds, however we added that things can't require an EIS. You can get away with and EA, or the finding of no significant impact with an EIS.

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?: Obligated funding...there are several projects that towns are holding on to but haven't gone through with because don't have

money. Can we still apply?

KP: Send Dave info so I can check on that. That's exactly what we want to fund.

?: you reference RI state building code, with 51% rule, does that apply here?

KP: NO, should that be clarified?

YES

KP: If we tell you what fits and what doesn't fit that would probably benefit you huh?

C: It might be helpful if you include the categorically exclusive things, and site the regulations

KP: OK. I'd prefer not to cross reference things and to get actual language in so people can get the whole thing.

KP: if you turn to page 23 in Appendix B, the EECS strategy you do not have to do it. What we have is lighter than what was imposed. On page 26, the metrics for various activities. This describes for many of the main activities what the metrics are.

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