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PA Conservation Works! Energy Grant Program

New Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Grant Program Is Expected to Provide up to 75% of Project Costs, Up to a Maximum of \$250,000

Reading Electric, a leading supplier of electromechanical equipment, services, and problem solver for over 50 years provides technical information to the region's Commercial and Industrial Community. This Bulletin provides information on the **soon to be announced** PA Conservation Works! Energy Grant Program, which will provide grants to Local Governments, Municipalities, Non-profit Entities, Colleges and Universities for projects that will save or conserve a minimum of 25% of all energy used.

A total of up to \$23.5 million is expected to be available under this Program. Funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 is making the program possible. It will be administered by the PA Department of Environmental Protection.

Eligible projects will be awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis. Reading Electric advises clients to start evaluating what projects they might consider submitting, so they are prepared when the application submission process begins. It is expected that the Program will be announced, and submissions will begin sometime in, or even before, July 2009.

PA Conservation Works! allows for either energy efficiency or renewable energy projects to replace at least 25% of the building or entity's existing energy use. The summary below represents the current proposed guidelines. Details may differ once the program is finalized.

Summary of Grant Program Eligibility (Draft Version):

- Eligible projects include:
 - Energy efficient lighting, including streetlight or outdoor lighting
 - Energy efficiency retrofits of existing buildings, high efficiency furnaces, boilers and air conditioners, energy efficient ventilation systems, windows, sealing, insulation, and automated control systems
 - Energy efficiency upgrades at wastewater treatment plants
 - Installation of geothermal heat pump systems
 - Premium efficiency motors and variable speed drives
 - Deployment of renewable energy technologies: solar energy, wind energy, fuel cells, biomass, biogas and low-impact hydro
- Comprehensive energy audits, energy plans, development of energy strategies, energy modeling, commissioning, certification and design are eligible project expenses.



Reading Electric will conduct a Technical Workshop on this new program and how to Submit an Application as soon as the final guidelines are announced. For more information on this Grant Program, contact Jim Kurtz, General Manager, Reading Electric. Additional information can also be found at:
<http://www.recovery.pa.gov/portal/server.pt?open=514&objID=505976&mode=2>

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