

Louisiana Department of Natural Resources

U.S. Department of Energy – American Recovery and Reinvestment Act State Energy Program Grant Guidelines Fact Sheet

Louisiana State Energy Program (SEP) Allocation = \$71,694,000

Deadlines:

March 23, 2009: Submit initial federal application with preliminary program

May 12, 2009: Submit comprehensive plan

Timeline:

3 years to spend the funds. Quarterly reporting with allocation of funds dependent on progress

The Act:

- Preference to activities that can be started & completed expeditiously
- Goal of using 50% of funds for activities that can be initiated not later than 6/17/09

Purpose: “To preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery; to assist those most impacted by the recession; to provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health; to invest in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits; and, to stabilize State and local government budgets, in order to minimize and avoid reductions in essential services and counterproductive state and local tax increases.”

\$3.1 Billion distributed through SEP for the Purpose of:

- Stimulating the creation or increased retention of jobs;
- Saving Energy;
- Increasing energy generation from renewable sources; and
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

States should plan for and maximize efforts toward achieving the specific goal of reducing per capita energy consumption by at least 25% of State’s 1990 per capita energy use by 2012. This is a minimum goal.

Encourage states to put in place long-term funding mechanisms such as revolving loans and energy savings performance contracting that will provide lasting benefits and lead to long term market transformation.

SEP Goals & Objects: Align with national goals (above)

SEP Strategic Plan Goals:

- Increase energy efficiency to reduce energy costs and consumption for consumers, businesses, and government.
- Reduce reliance on imported energy.
- Improve the reliability of electricity and fuel supply and the delivery of energy services.
- Reduce the impacts of energy production and use on the environment

The State will to the extent practicable prioritize grants toward funding energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, including:

- The expansion of existing energy efficiency programs approved by the State, including energy efficiency retrofits of buildings and industrial facilities, that are funded by the State...
- The expansion of existing programs, approved by the State to support renewable energy projects and deployment activities...
- Cooperation and joint activities between States to advance more efficient and effective use of this funding to support the above priorities.

Priority Use of Funds:

- Establishment and enforcement of energy efficient building codes and standards, and implementation of voluntary programs that impact new design
- Loans, grants and incentives for energy efficiency and renewable energy measures
- Building retrofits
- Traffic signal synchronization and replacement with LEDs
- Industrial retrofits.

Performance Metrics:

- Jobs created
- Energy saved
- Renewable energy installed capacity and generated
- GHG emissions reduced (CO2 equivalents)
- Energy Cost Savings
- Funds leveraged

Energy Savings Goal = DOE strongly encourages states to promote measures that will achieve no less than 10 million BTUs saved for each \$1,000 invested (applies to the entire portfolio of projects being funded)

Prohibitions:

- For construction, such as construction of mass transit systems and exclusive bus lanes, or for the construction or repair of buildings or structures;
- To purchase land, a building or structure or any interest therein;
- To subsidize fares for public transportation;
- To subsidize utility rate demonstrations or State tax credits for energy conservation or renewable energy measures; or
- To conduct or purchase equipment to conduct research, development or demonstration of energy efficiency or renewable energy techniques and technologies not commercially available.