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ENERGY UPDATE**Applications Being Accepted for Ohio Energy Grant Program**

The Ohio Department of Development announced on September 14 that its Ohio Energy Office is accepting applications for \$10 million in funding available through the Targeting Industry Efficiency grant program. The grant program is part of Ohio's State Energy Program, which is funded through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (ARRA).

THE STATE ENERGY PROGRAM

In June 2009, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) approved Ohio's proposal for \$96 million in funding for the State Energy Program under the ARRA. The DOE has announced the following goals of the program:

- Improve the reliability of electricity and fuel supply and the delivery of energy services;
- Increase energy efficiency to reduce energy costs and consumption for consumers, businesses and government;
- Increase energy generation from renewable sources;
- Reduce reliance on imported energy;
- Reduce the impacts of energy production and use on the environment; and
- Stimulate the creation or increased retention of jobs.

To achieve these goals, the state of Ohio has created various grant programs, including the Targeting Industry Efficiency program.

AVAILABLE FUNDING AND APPLICATION PROCESS

Grants issued under the \$10 million Targeting Industry Efficiency program will range from \$250,000 to \$1 million each and will be selected through a competitive process.

Targeted Industries

Targeted industries include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Advanced energy and environment technologies;
- Aerospace and aviation;



- Agriculture and food processing;
- Bioscience and bio-products;
- Instruments, controls and electronics;
- Motor vehicles and parts manufacturing; and
- Polymers and advanced materials.

Qualified Technologies

Technologies may include combined heat and power, demand reduction, industrial assessments for carbon mitigation opportunities, industrial energy efficiency improvements in process heat applications, motors, and other industrial systems.

Project Requirements

Eligible projects must meet the following criteria:

- Be located within the state of Ohio;
- Include a matching investment of a minimum of 50 percent of total costs;
- Be able to reach completion within 12 months; and
- Provide direct economic impacts in Ohio.

How to Apply

Interested applicants must submit a one-page project summary no later than **5:00 p.m. on October 12, 2009** at <http://recovery.ohio.gov/opportunities/state/>. In addition, applicants must submit complete proposals to the Ohio Energy Office by **3:00 p.m. on October 16, 2009**.

Program guidelines and application procedures can be found at the Ohio Department of Development's web site ([click here](#)).

As explained in the program guidelines, projects will be scored using the following six criteria:

1. Project Readiness (0-20 points): Evidence of the project's readiness to move forward and be completed within the required 12-month period;
2. Project Financials (0-20 points): Evidence of the project's cost, matching funds, financing and cost-effectiveness;
3. Economic Impacts for Ohio (0-60 points): Evidence of the economic impacts for Ohio as a result of the installation of the energy efficiency measure;



4. Project Characteristics and Potential for Innovation (0-20 points): Evidence of the before-state energy use and the projected after-state energy use;
5. Targeted Industries (0-10 points): Evidence that the development targets industries identified in the Ohio Strategic Economic Development Plan; and
6. Carbon Management/Energy Management Programs (0-20 points): Evidence that the development is targeting projects that develop or utilize a carbon management program.

In addition, up to 10 bonus points are available to eligible projects for extraordinary impact to Ohio employment, utilization of waste heat for high energy efficiency, identification of indirect job creation, and tie-in with the Department of Development's Strategic Plan targets.

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