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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS - SEP GUIDELINES WORKSHOPS July 28, 29 and 31, 2009 - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Various locations

The Energy Commission staff has scheduled three public workshops to discuss the ARRA State Energy Program preliminary guidelines and schedule for fund distribution. The workshop will focus on the three specific program areas for funding opportunities: Municipal Financing District Program (AB 811-type programs); California Comprehensive Residential Building Program; and Municipal and Commercial Building Targeted Measure Retrofit Program. Up to \$96 million will be available through a solicitation process.

All three workshops will be broadcast over the Internet by Webex.

Preliminary SEP Guidelines Workshops - Same agenda for all workshops

#### Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Stockton (1 p.m. - 3 p.m.)

San Joaquin Council of Governments, Board Room

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

San Francisco (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.)

California Public Utilities Commission, Auditorium

#### Friday, July 31, 2009

San Diego (1 p.m. - 4 p.m.)

Environmental Service Department, 1st Floor Auditorium

The **Preliminary SEP Guidelines** are posted at [www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/sep.html](http://www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/sep.html).

For more information regarding these workshops and how to participate by WebEx go to [www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/meetings/](http://www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/meetings/)

### CALIFORNIA ROUNDS UP \$35 MILLION FOR REBATES

California has been allocated \$35.2 million for a rebate program for consumer purchases of new ENERGY STAR®-qualified home appliances. The Energy Commission will administer this program and must submit the state's final program design plan to U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) by October 15, 2009. For more information go to: [http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/daily.cfm/hp\\_news\\_id=178](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/daily.cfm/hp_news_id=178)

### ARRA AD HOC COMMITTEE KICKS OFF

The Energy Commission ARRA Ad Hoc Committee (Chairman Karen Douglas and Commissioner Art Rosenfeld) held their first Committee workshop to discuss the ARRA energy-related funding programs administered by the Commission: Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Program, State Energy Program, and the ENERGY STAR® Appliance Rebate Program. The Ad Hoc Committee has been tasked by the Commissioners to oversee the development of these programs including programs design, guidelines and application process. More than 100 attended the meeting with over 200 participating over the Internet through the WebEx. The workshop presentation is currently online, and audio from the meeting will soon be available online at:

[[www.energy.ca.gov/stimulus/documents/index.html](http://www.energy.ca.gov/stimulus/documents/index.html)].

## ON SALE - LOW INTEREST LOANS

Budgets are shrinking, energy costs are increasing. If you're a public entity, now is the best time to invest in energy efficiency and energy generation projects for your community with a low-interest loan from the Energy Commission. Consider leveraging ARRA funding with a **low 3 percent interest rate loan** to maximize your energy project. Excellent terms and technical assistance available. For more information: [[www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/financing/](http://www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/financing/)] or e-mail: [pubprog@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:pubprog@energy.state.ca.us)

## DOE ARRA SOLICITATIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS UPDATE

**Renewable Energy Projects:** The U.S. Departments of Treasury and Energy announced a program to infuse \$3 billion into the renewable energy industry as direct payments. This new program allows taxpayers to forgo tax credits in favor of an immediate reimbursement from the Treasury Department for a portion of the property expense. The direct payments are 10% - 30% of the basis of the property and paid within 60 days of the facility being placed in service or, if later, within 60 days of receiving an application for such grant. Eligible projects must produce electricity, have land use in the U.S., and have been completed or broke ground by the end of 2010. This is not a competitive program, and there is no cap on the total grants. For more information: [[http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress\\_alerts.cfm/pa\\_id=200](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts.cfm/pa_id=200)]

**Community Renewable Energy Systems:** DOE announced \$21.4 million to support planning and installation of utility-scale community renewable energy projects in up to four communities nationwide. DOE expects applicants to have matching funds from public and private sector. Applications are due September 3, 2009. More information: [[http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/daily.cfm/hp\\_news\\_id=185](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/daily.cfm/hp_news_id=185)]

## NON-ARRA FUNDING ENERGY ANNOUNCEMENTS UPDATE

**Solar Outreach for Local Governments:** Solar America Cities - Technical Outreach is offering \$10.5 million to provide comprehensive outreach to local governments that will help them build sustainable solar infrastructures and expand their solar markets. Funding can be used for technical information and guidance, policies and regulations, financial incentives, training, and community interaction. Closing date to apply is October 15, 2009. More information about the solicitation (DE-FOA-0000086) available at: [[www1.eere.energy.gov/solar/financial\\_opps\\_detail.html?sol\\_id=282](http://www1.eere.energy.gov/solar/financial_opps_detail.html?sol_id=282)]

**Combined Heat and Power:** DOE extended the closing date for the \$40 million Funding Opportunity Notice (DE-FOA-0000016) for Research, Development, and Demonstration for combined heat and power system. RD&D funding is available for stationary CHP systems at three power levels. For more information: [[www1.eere.energy.gov/industry/financial/solicitations\\_detail.asp?sol\\_id=290](http://www1.eere.energy.gov/industry/financial/solicitations_detail.asp?sol_id=290)]

**Concentrating Solar Power:** The DOE plans to provide up to \$52.5 million to research, develop, and demonstrate concentrating solar power systems that are capable of providing low-cost electrical power during the day and night. More information available at: [[www.energy.gov/news2009/7646.htm](http://www.energy.gov/news2009/7646.htm)].

## ENERGY PROGRAMS SUMMARY

Looking for a thumbnail update on the ARRA energy-related programs? Check out the weekly updated Funding Summary (PDF file) at [www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/documents/FUNDING\\_SUMMARY.PDF](http://www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/documents/FUNDING_SUMMARY.PDF)

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