

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, California 95814Main website: www.energy.ca.gov

In the matter of:)	Docket No. 09-OII-1
)	
Order Instituting Informational Proceeding)	NOTICE OF STAFF WORKSHOP
)	
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009)	RE: Final Proposed Guidelines for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program
)	
_____)	

**Staff Workshop on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation
 Block Grant Program Funding
 Final Proposed Guidelines for Small Cities and Counties
 (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009)**

California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) staff will conduct a workshop for **small cities and counties** to discuss the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The workshop will focus on the final proposed guidelines. The guidelines are built on the input received from the previous workshops and are a modified version of the guidelines posted on July 8, 2009. The workshop will be held:

DOCKET	
09-OII-1	
DATE	<u>8/3/2009</u>
RECD.	<u>8/28/2009</u>

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2009
 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
 1516 Ninth Street
 First Floor, Hearing Room A
Sacramento, CA
 This workshop will be WebEx.
 (Wheelchair Accessible)

No Reservation is Necessary.

The Energy Commission Commissioners may attend this workshop.

Purpose

The workshop will inform various stakeholders, specifically small cities and counties, of the Energy Commission's final proposed EECBG program guidelines for distribution of funds. Energy Commission staff will discuss and present the final proposed guidelines, an explanation of the processes used to create the guidelines, examples of how

commission staff will interpret the guidelines during application review, the application process for small cities and counties, and associated timelines for awarding funds. Staff will also discuss how the Energy Commission encourages leveraging funds and forming partnerships to apply for funding.

A detailed agenda and final proposed guidelines will be provided in advance of the workshop and available online soon at: [<http://www.energy.ca.gov/stimulus/>].

Background

ARRA will provide \$787 billion nationally in economic investment to stimulate the economy and create jobs for Americans.

The Energy Commission is administering two programs, the State Energy Program (SEP) for approximately \$226 million and the EECBG Program for approximately \$49.6 million. At least 60 percent of EECBG funds (\$29.8 million) are designated for activities in small cities with populations less than 35,000 and counties with populations less than 200,000.

The Energy Commission plans to administer a third program, the Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program, estimated at approximately \$35 million. In addition, DOE will administer over \$37 billion through competitive grants and other financing for energy and climate change related programs. The Energy Commission will work with other state agencies, utilities, and public and private entities to identify ways to leverage these funds for California projects.

Additional workshops will focus on guidelines and funding criteria for the SEP and the Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program.

If you have not yet signed up for the Energy Commission's list server on the recovery program please do so at: [<http://www.energy.ca.gov/stimulus/>].

Written Comments

Written comments on the guidelines may be submitted until 5 p.m. on August 10, 2009. Please include the docket number 09-OII-01 and indicate **Energy Block Grant Guidelines** in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Please hand deliver or mail an original and 11 paper copies to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 09-OII-01
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

The Energy Commission **encourages comments by e-mail**. Please include your name or organization's in the name of the file. Those submitting comments by electronic mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document Format (PDF) to [docket@energy.state.ca.us]. **One paper copy** must also be sent to the Energy Commission's Docket Unit.

Participants may also provide an original and 11 copies at the beginning of the workshop. All written materials relating to this workshop will be filed with the Dockets Unit and become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Remote Attendance

JOIN THE LIVE WEBINAR ON August 3 at 10 a.m.

How to Access the WebEx Meeting

REGISTRATION

1. To register for this event, go to <https://energy.webex.com/energy/onstage/g.php?t=a&d=926609761>
2. Click the "Register" button at the bottom of the page.
3. Provide your information as requested.
4. You will receive a confirmation email message that contains the details to join the event.

COMPUTER LOGON

Follow the instructions in your confirmation email to join the meeting a few minutes early.

TELEPHONE ONLY (No Computer Access)

If you cannot join the meeting by computer, you can listen by phone. Call toll free 1-866-469-3239 and enter the Meeting Number **926 609 761** followed by the # key. When asked for your Attendee ID number, please press the # key. You will then be entered into the call of the meeting on a muted line.

If you have difficulty joining the meeting, please call the WebEx Technical Support number at 1-866-229-3239. Please be aware that the meeting's WebEx audio and on-screen activity may be recorded.

WebEx audiences will be able to submit questions on areas of interest during the meeting to be addressed by workshop participants via email at [eecbg@energy.state.ca.us].

Public Participation

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office provides the public assistance in participating in its activities. For information on how to participate in this forum, please contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at [PublicAdviser@energy.state.ca.us]. Please direct all news media inquiries to the Media and Public Communications Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us].

If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance.

Mail Lists: Recovery List Server

Note: California Energy Commission's formal name is State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission.