



California Energy Commission

## Economic Stimulus & Recovery E-NEWS Blast

An e-mail newsletter on energy-related economic stimulus and recovery activities in California.



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### SAVE THE DATE - SMALL CITIES & COUNTIES EECBG WORKSHOPS

The California Energy Commission, administering the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) funds for small cities and counties, will hold workshops throughout California to discuss the EECBG program and guideline development. The agenda is the same for each workshop all six locations. More information about these workshops will be available soon on the Commission's recovery web page. Stay tuned for an eblast with details.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2009 - 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
REDDING - Shasta College  
EUREKA - Eureka City Hall  
SANTA ROSA - Justice Joseph A. Rattigan State Building

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2009 - 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
MODESTO - Stanislaus County Chambers  
MONTEREY - Monterey Peninsula College  
RIVERSIDE - California Tower

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### MORE EECBG PROGRAM INFO

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) deadline for their initial program application for EECBG Grants funding activities for state energy offices has been extended to June 25, 2009. This response to DOE is only for large cities and counties and tribal governments that will receive direct DOE allocations and the California Energy Commission who is administering the EECBG program for small cities and counties. The Energy Commission's guidelines and application process for small cities and counties has NOT been developed yet. Updates regarding the Energy Commission's EECBG program process will be noticed through the ListServe and available on the recovery web site [www.energy.ca.gov/recovery](http://www.energy.ca.gov/recovery)

### SMALL CITIES AND COUNTIES LIST

The list of small cities and counties that are eligible to receive funding from the EECBG program through the Energy Commission is available at [www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/blockgrant.html](http://www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/blockgrant.html). Large cities and counties are receiving funding directly from the DOE.

### ENERGY PROGRAMS SUMMARY

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

## SMART GRID CAPS INCREASED

May 18, 2009: U.S. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke and U.S. Energy Secretary Steven Chu announced significant progress that will help expedite development of a nationwide "smart" electric power grid. Early last month, the Governor, the Energy Commission and others submitted letters requesting changes to DOE's draft Funding Opportunity Announcement funding levels for the Smart Grid. California specifically called to increase the caps for individual projects to allow for larger utility Smart Grid projects and asked for higher levels of funding to support Smart Grid demonstrations. DOE responded favorably by increasing the maximum award for the Smart Grid Investment Grant Program from \$20 million to \$200 million and increasing funding awards for the Smart Grid Demonstration Projects from \$40 million to \$100 million. This should help California parties interested in submitting larger and more regional type projects. [http://www.oe.energy.gov/news\\_room\\_and\\_events/1227.htm](http://www.oe.energy.gov/news_room_and_events/1227.htm)

## CARBON SEQUESTRATION CAPTURES BIG MONIES

May 15, 2009: DOE will be posting Notices of Intent for funding that will advance RD&D in these areas of Carbon Capture and Storage Projects: Industrial Carbon Capture & Storage (\$1.52 billion) for a competitive solicitation for large scale CCS from industrial sources to focus on beneficial CO<sub>2</sub> reuse and CO<sub>2</sub> capture from the atmosphere (this includes \$20 million to a facility in Washington state and \$70.6 million to a host facility in Arizona); Clean Coal Initiative (\$800 million) to expand new coal technologies; Geologic Sequestration Site Characterization for competitive solicitations to differentiate 10 geologic formations in the US (\$50 million); and Geologic Sequestration Training and Research focusing on educating and training future generation of geologists (\$20 million). [http://www.fossil.energy.gov/news/techlines/2009/09029-DOE\\_Announces\\_Stimulus\\_Funding.html](http://www.fossil.energy.gov/news/techlines/2009/09029-DOE_Announces_Stimulus_Funding.html)

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