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Section 9009

Rural Energy Self-Sufficiency Initiative

- Grant assistance for the purpose of enabling eligible rural communities to substantially increase the energy self-sufficiency of the eligible rural communities.
- Use of Grant Funds:
 - **Conduct an energy assessment that assesses the total energy use of all energy users in the eligible rural communities.**
 - **Formulate and analyze ideas for reducing energy usage by the eligible rural community from conventional sources.**
 - **Develop and install an integrated renewable energy system.**

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- Preferences will be given to those applications that propose to carry out an activity in coordination with the following groups:
 - Institutions of higher education or nonprofit foundations of institutions of higher education
 - Federal, State, or local government agencies
 - Public or private power generation entities
 - Government entities with responsibility for water or natural resources

Authorized Funding:

- \$5 Million for each year of fiscal years 2009 through 2012

