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Section 9007 Energy Audit and Renewable Energy Assistance Grant Program Fact Sheet

PURPOSE

- Grants to eligible applicants who will assist agricultural producers and rural small businesses by conducting energy audits and providing recommendations and information on renewable energy development assistance and improving energy efficiency.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- A unit of State, tribal or local government;
- A land-grant college, a university, or another institution of higher education
- A rural electric cooperative; or
- A public power entity

USE OF GRANT FUNDS

- Conducting and promoting energy audits
- Conducting and promoting renewable energy development assistance
- Assistance can be provided only to facilities located in rural areas (less than 50,000 population)
- The agricultural producer or small business must pay for at least 25% of the cost of the energy audit.
- The grant funds must be utilized within 24 months from the date of the grant agreement.

MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNTS

- The maximum grant amount is \$100,000.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applications may be submitted electronically via www.grants.gov or
An original and one copy can be sent to
USDA – Rural Development State Office,
873 Federal Building, 210 Walnut,
Des Moines, Iowa 50309.
- Applications must be received by 4:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 9, 2009.
- Applicants are advised to submit their applications as far ahead of June 9 as possible to assure the application can be determined complete prior to the deadline.

SELECTION FACTORS

- The in-house ability of the applicant to conduct audits versus using third party auditing organizations as illustrated in the application.
- Whether administrative expenses will be claimed for the project.
- Experience of the applicant in providing the proposed services.
- Geographic scope of the project in relation to identified need.
- Audit cost
- Existing program which reflects energy savings
- Awards the applicant has received for its renewable energy, energy savings, or energy based educational programming.
- Completeness of the marketing and outreach plan
- Level and commitment of funds from other non-state and non-federal governmental matching funds

If you have questions, or need additional information, please call the Iowa USDA Rural Development State Office at (515) 284-4714.