

**Certification Regarding Qualification
For Simplified Grant Applications
4280.109**

WHEREAS, _____

herein called the "Grantee", intends to obtain assistance from the United States of America, acting through the U. S. Department of Agriculture, herein called the "Government", acting under the provisions of the Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements Grant Program 4280-B regulations.

NOW THEREFORE, the Grantee hereby certifies the following simplified application criteria have been or will be met:

- (1) The grantee (applicant) is eligible in accordance with 4280.107. (Guide 5)
- (2) The project is eligible in accordance with 4280.108.
- (3) Total eligible project costs are \$200,000 or less. The total eligible project cost of my project is _____.

(4) The proposed project will use commercially available renewable energy systems or energy efficiency improvements.

(5) Construction planning and performing development will be performed in compliance with 4280.115. The grantee or the grantee's prime contractor will assume all risks and responsibilities of project development.

(6) The grantee or the grantee's prime contractor is responsible for all interim financing.

(7) The proposed project is scheduled to be completed within 24 months after entering into a grant agreement. The Agency may extend this period if the Agency determines, at its sole discretion, that the applicant is unable to complete the project for reasons beyond the applicant's control.

(8) The grantee agrees not to request reimbursement from funds obligated under this program until after project completion, including all operational testing and certifications acceptable to the Agency.

IN ADDITION, the Grantee hereby certifies the following application processing and administration requirements have been met and/or are agreed to:

(1) Applications documents have been submitted in accordance with 4280.111, or if applying for a combined grant and loan, also in accordance with 4280.193 (c).

(2) The grantee has certified that it meets the definition of demonstrated financial need, as defined in 4280.103. The Agency reserves the right to request additional information.

(3) The grantee certifies that project development will follow 4280.115, except as follows:

_____ (i) The grantee will participate in project development without direct compensation subject to approval in writing by the prime contractor. All applicable construction practices, manufacturer instructions, and all safety codes and standards will be followed during construction and testing, and the work product must meet all applicable manufacture specifications, and all applicable codes and standards. The prime contractor will be responsible for the overall successful completion of the project including any work done by the grantee,

or

_____ (ii) The grantee can demonstrate to the Agency that the grantee has the necessary experience and other resources to successfully complete the project and may serve as the prime contractor/installer. Projects where the grantee serves as the prime contractor will secure the services of an independent, professionally responsible, qualified consultant to certify testing specifications, procedures, and testing results.

(4) The project is complete when the grantee has provided a written final project development, testing, and performance report acceptable to the Agency. Upon notification of receipt of an acceptable project completion report, the grantee may request grant reimbursement. The Agency reserves the right to observe the testing.

(5) National flood insurance is required, if applicable. Business interruption insurance is not required.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this certification on this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Name of Applicant

Authorized representative of Applicant