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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Small Business Energy Efficiency Grants

The Small Business Energy Efficiency Grants Program will help businesses save money by reducing energy consumption and enhance their competitive position as Pennsylvania's electricity market transitions to market pricing.

This is the first program available through the Alternative Energy Investment Fund, a key part of Pennsylvania's Energy Independence. The \$650 million Alternative Energy Investment Fund includes \$237 million targeted specifically toward helping small businesses and families conserve electricity and manage higher energy prices.

The small business community is critical to Pennsylvania's economic health and vitality. Well-designed energy efficiency projects can help small businesses operate more efficiently and save money while simultaneously improving Pennsylvania's environment.

The Small Business Energy Efficiency Grants will apply to energy efficiency improvements on systems such as lighting, heating, cooling, refrigeration and process machinery, as well as building insulation and weatherization improvement projects.

An eligible applicant must be an independent for-profit small business with 100 employees or fewer whose business or facility is located within Pennsylvania. Examples of eligible small businesses include manufacturers, retailers, service providers, mining businesses and agricultural operations.

Qualifying projects must have an annual energy savings of at least 20 percent for the system being replaced or 20 percent savings for the entire business's energy consumption. The project must also save the business at least \$1,000 a year in energy costs. The grants will provide up to 25 percent of project costs for equipment and installation, with a maximum grant of \$25,000.

Applications for this funding will be accepted through May 1, 2009, with \$3 million available to help small businesses use energy wisely. Applications and guidelines are available at www.depweb.state.pa.us, keyword: Small Business Energy Efficiency Grants.

Applications will also be available by contacting the Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Energy and Technology Deployment, 15th Floor, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, P.O. Box 8772, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8772, or by e-mail at ra-sbgrants@state.pa.us.

In addition to the Small Business Energy Efficiency Program, the state will unveil a number of new energy conservation programs and alternative energy investment programs in the near future that will benefit the state's power consumers at work and at home while protecting the environment.

By reducing demand for electricity through energy efficiency and conservation, and by increasing the supply of clean energy, Pennsylvania will be able to help hold down the market prices for electricity and save the state's families and businesses billions of dollars.

For more information on Pennsylvania's Energy Independence, visit the www.depweb.state.pa.us and click on the "Fueling Energy Savings" icon.

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