

Energy Code (MEC). The Department of Energy is required to provide technical assistance and incentive funding to States to respond to the legislative requirements.

This solicitation specifically targets States that are deemed "developmental" in that they have conceived a code compliance program but little or no action has been taken, because financial assistance is needed to supplement existing staff or hire a FTE to begin action on the program. Approximately twenty awards, totaling roughly \$500,000, to be specifically utilized for funding full-time equivalents (FTE), will be granted to states whose programs are in the "developmental" stage. For DOE funds to be awarded, it is required that a state provide a minimum of 25% cost-sharing match for the total project cost. A state that is deemed developmental shall not be eligible for progressive program funding under a separate solicitation. Exemplary state programs will not be considered for funding through this solicitation, and State officials who consider their program to be exemplary should call 1-800-270-CODE for additional information on how to obtain funding for their program.

All 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the United States are eligible. More than one State or State organization can be involved on a proposal, as long as the lead State agency or organization and lead grant management responsibilities are clearly defined. Support may come from one or more code-related organizations or trade associations in the affected local area, and shall be in the form of cost-sharing or other significant participation, which demonstrates a substantial interest in the proposed project.

This solicitation will be issued on or about January 30, 1995, and will contain detailed information on funding, cost-sharing requirements, eligibility, application preparation, and evaluation. Responses to the solicitation will be due in March 1995, and award announcements will be made in May 1995. All responsible sources are encouraged to submit an application.

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Seattle Regional Support Office; Updating State and Local Government Building Energy Codes for Progressive States

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of competitive financial assistance.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy Seattle Regional Support Office (SRSO), on behalf of the Office of Building Technologies, announces its intention to issue a competitive solicitation and make financial assistance awards to States and territories that are developing, implementing, and/or enforcing building energy code compliance programs. This action is subject to the DOE Financial Assistance Rules (10 CFR part 600).

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the solicitation once it is issued on or after January 30, 1995, write to the Department of Energy's Seattle Regional Support Office, 800 Fifth Avenue, Suite 3950, Seattle, WA 98104, Attn: Ms. Carol A. Curtis, Grants/Contracts Specialist. Only written requests for this solicitation will be honored. For convenience, requests for the solicitation may be faxed to Ms. Curtis at (206) 553-2200. Please reference solicitation DE-PS51-95R020534.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DOE Office of Building Technologies, in conjunction with the DOE Office of Technical and Financial Assistance and through the DOE Regional Support Offices, will award and provide funding for the grants to the states and serve as administrators for the Federal Government. The SRSO will be the lead Regional Support Office.

This solicitation is intended to support actions to upgrade, implement, enforce, and update residential and commercial building energy codes. These actions will additionally enhance the energy efficiency of residential and commercial building stock in the United States as well as provide environmental benefits. Actions implemented under this solicitation address Action No. 10 of the Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) which is designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the year 2000. Action No. 10 builds on Section 101 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EPAct) to further address use and enforcement of building energy codes. Under Section 101 of EPAct, States are required to upgrade their commercial building codes to meet or exceed ASHRAE/IES Standard 90.1-1989 and to consider whether to update their residential codes to meet or exceed the 1992 Model Energy Code (MEC). The Department of Energy is required to

provide technical assistance and incentive funding to States to respond to the legislative requirements.

This solicitation specifically targets States that are deemed "progressive" in that they have begun a code compliance program but need additional support to expand or enhance this program in order to equal or exceed both the 1992 MEC and ASHRAE/IES standard 90.1-1989. The DOE anticipates awarding between 10-20 incentive grants totaling approximately \$4.6 million to states whose programs are considered to be in the "progressive" stage. For DOE funds to be awarded, it is required that a state provide a minimum of 25% cost-sharing match for the total project cost. A state that is deemed progressive shall not be eligible for developmental program funding under a separate solicitation. Exemplary state programs will not be considered for funding through this solicitation, and State officials who consider their program to be exemplary should call 1-800-270-CODE for additional information on how to obtain funding for their program.

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