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Technical Assistance Program for Tribal EECBG Recipients: Creating Jobs and Building Clean Energy Capacity

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Technical Assistance Program (TAP) supports the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) and the State Energy Program (SEP) by providing state, local, and tribal officials the tools and resources needed to implement successful and sustainable clean energy programs. Through TAP, DOE has launched a $25 million effort to assist EECBG and SEP Recovery Act recipients. This effort, which is jointly funded with EECBG and SEP Recovery Act dollars, is aimed at accelerating payments, improving project and program performance, and increasing the return on Recovery Act investments.

From one-on-one assistance, to an extensive online resource library, to facilitation of peer exchange of best practices and lessons learned—TAP offers a wide range of resources to serve the needs of EECBG and SEP grantees.

Solution Center

With the launch of the Recovery Act, TAP introduced the Solution Center, an online portal for technical assistance resources. Here state, local, and tribal communities can access:

- Best practices for all eligible SEP and EECBG activities
- Case studies, tools, and templates
- Online trainings and webcasts on technical and administrative topics
- Interactive SEP and EECBG project map
- The TAP Blog, a platform that allows grantees to connect with technical and program experts and share best practices
- Events calendar

Visit the Solution Center at www.wip.energy.gov/solutioncenter.

Provider Network

Through TAP, SEP and EECBG grantees and subgrantees are also eligible to receive free direct assistance from a network of over 200 technical experts. These technical assistance providers can provide short-term, unbiased expertise in:

- Energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies
- Program design and implementation
- Financing
- Performance contracting
- Capacity building

In addition to providing one-on-one assistance, providers are available to work with grantees at no cost to facilitate peer-to-peer matching, workshops, and trainings. Requests for direct assistance can be submitted online via the **Technical Assistance Center** (https://tac.eecleanenergy.org/) or by calling 1-877-EERE-TAP (1-877-337-3827). Once a request has been submitted, it will be evaluated to determine the level and type of assistance TAP will provide.

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How Can We Help You?

TAP can assist you in a wide range of activities. Types of assistance we can provide include:

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Technologies

- Renewable energy siting and development
- Request for proposal (RFP) review
- Energy management
- Strategic energy planning and conservation strategies
- Green building technologies
- Building codes

Program Design and Implementation

- Program design and implementation support
- Policy analysis and development
- Coordinating rate-payer funded dollars with ARRA projects and programs
- Sustainable communities design
- Planning to reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions

Financing

- Program design, support, and guidance on financing incentives and mechanisms, including: revolving loan funds (RLFs), property assessed clean energy (PACE) programs, and loan loss reserves (LLRs)
- Address institutional barriers to financing programs
- Assist in the development of secondary markets to enhance financial mechanisms

Performance Contracting

- Assist in the design and implementation of performance contracting in municipal/state, university, school, and hospital (MUSH) and residential markets
- Address institutional barriers to performance contracting
- Track and compare programs
- Review contracts and/or requests for proposals (RFPs)
- Work with financial experts to identify opportunities to use additional mechanisms in conjunction with performance contracting (i.e., revolving loan funds)

Capacity Building

- Connect grantees to local, regional, and DOE technical assistance resources
- Share best practices for energy alliances and utility partnerships
- Connect grantees to one another through peer matching and regional workshops
- Connect other federal efforts to grantee activities

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Who Is TAP?

TAP offers SEP and EECBG recipients the opportunity to connect with a broad and diverse network of technical experts at no cost. Providers include representatives from DOE's National Laboratories, non-profits, stakeholder organizations, and for-profit consulting firms. The TAP Team includes:

DOE National Laboratories: National Renewable Energy Lab, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Oak Ridge National Laboratory • Alliance to Save Energy • American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy • Ballard Spahr, LLP • Boise State Environmental Finance Center • Catalyst Financial Group • Center for Climate Strategies, Inc. • E. P. Systems Group • Energy Efficiency Finance Corporation • Energy Futures Group • Energy Programs Consortium • Energy Services Coalition • Great Lakes Environmental Finance Center • HarcourtBrown • ICF International • Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance • National Association of State Energy Officials • National Association of Counties • National Governors Association • Natural Resources Defense Council • New England Environmental Finance Center • New Mexico Tech Environmental Finance Center • Northcross, Hill & Ach • Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships • Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance • Public Power Association • Public Technology Institute • Renewable Funding • Sentech, Inc. • Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance • Southwest Energy Efficiency Project • Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future • Syracuse Environmental Finance Center • Tensleep Advisory • The Cadmus Group, Inc. • University of Delaware Center for Energy and Environmental Policy • University of Louisville Environmental Finance Center • University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center • University of North Carolina Environmental Finance Center • University of North Carolina School of Government • Vermont Energy Investment Corporation