Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program

Application Workshop

October 22, 2009
California Energy Commission
Workshop Agenda

• Welcome and Introductions
• Overview Program Solicitation
• Direct Equipment Purchases
• Efficiency Projects
• Municipal Financing Programs
• Application Attachments, Reporting Requirements and ARRA Requirements
• (We will take questions on NEPA/CEQA, Buy American and Prevailing Wage Issues)

• Questions
State Law Affecting EECBG Funds (AB 2176)

• Affects funds administered by the Energy Commission
  – Small Jurisdiction Program Funds:
    » shall be used to provide cost-effective energy efficiency and conservation grants.
    » shall be prioritized based on cost-effective energy efficiency.
    » Budget trailer bill amendment to allow climate change planning
Energy Commission’s EECBG Funding Allocation ($49.6 million)

• At least $29.8 million must provided in grants to cities/counties not receiving a direct EECBG allocation from U.S. DOE.

• Energy Commission is Committing $35.1 million to the program

• Documents for Applying are at: http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/recovery.html#eecbg

• Separate documents for application and for attachments.
Local Agency Funding:

- Grant amounts are listed in the Guidelines in Attachment “A”
- For $29.8 Million, funds must be fully encumbered by March 14, 2010, or they revert to Washington, D.C.
- All Projects must be completed by September 13, 2012.
- **No Project Extensions**
  - Funds revert to Treasury after September 13, 2012
  - All funded projects must be completed and operational by the date specified in the funding award agreement.
Program Design: Use of Funds

- Cost-Effective Energy Efficiency Projects
  - Min. of 10 million source British Thermal Units (Btus) saved per year, per $1,000 of EECBG funds spent.
  - Feasibility study is required to verify energy savings.

- Direct Purchase Option
  - Types of energy saving equipment are specified.
  - Applications of equipment are specified in certain instances.

- Municipal Financing Programs
  - Both Small and Large Jurisdiction resolutions
  - Statements: Why program will be cost-effective, and how funds are used
Program Design:
Selecting a Project or Equipment

• Energy Commission can help!
  ➢ Staff can provide assistance over the phone, and make site visits to evaluate potential projects.
  ➢ Energy Commission can provide energy assessments, up to $20,000 of our consultant’s cost per application.
  ➢ Energy Commission working to allow contractors to provide specific project cost estimates

• Request assistance as soon as possible,
• http://www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/partnership/index.html
Questions?

Please contact us at:

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www.energy.ca.gov/recovery