In the matter of, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009  

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Docket No. 09-OII-1 Notice of Workshop  

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RE: The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program Requirements  


Representatives from the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and staff from the California Energy Commission will conduct a workshop to discuss federal and California requirements that apply to the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program for small jurisdictions, funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

The workshop will be held:  

JUNE 7, 2010  
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION  
1516 Ninth Street  
First Floor, Hearing Room A  
Sacramento, California  
(Wheelchair Accessible)

Remote Attendance and Availability of Documents  

Internet Webcast - Presentations and audio from the meeting will be broadcast via our WebEx web meeting service. Remote attendees will be able to submit questions to DOE representatives and Energy Commission staff. For details on how to participate via WebEx, please see the “Remote Attendance” section toward the end of this notice.
Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available on-line at
www.energy.ca.gov/stimulus/documents/index.html

**Purpose**

The workshop will provide information to EECBG Program grant recipients and other stakeholders on the Davis-Bacon Act, the Buy American Act, federal procurement standards for local jurisdictions, and federal reporting requirements. There will be a question and answer session at the end of the workshop.

A detailed agenda will be provided in advance of the workshop and will be available on-line at [www.energy.ca.gov/stimulus/documents/index.html].

**Background**

ARRA will provide $787 billion nationally in economic investment to stimulate the economy and create jobs for Americans.

The Energy Commission is administering four ARRA funded programs: the State Energy Program for $226 million, the EECBG Program for $49.6 million, the State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program for $35 million, and the Energy Assurance Planning Program for $3.6 million.

In addition, DOE will administer over $37 billion through competitive grants and other financing for energy and climate change related programs. The Energy Commission will work with other state agencies, utilities, and public and private entities to identify ways to leverage these funds for California projects.

The EECBG Program grant award to the Energy Commission from DOE requires that at least 60 percent of the funds ($29.8 million) be allocated for specified activities in small cities (with populations of less than 35,000) and small counties (with populations of less than 200,000). This workshop is designed to provide guidance on the federal requirements associated with these EECBG funds.

If you have not yet signed up for the Energy Commission’s list server on the recovery program please do so at [www.energy.ca.gov/stimulus/].
Opportunity to Submit Questions

The Energy Commission invites parties to submit questions, regarding the topics listed above, in advance. This will provide panel members the opportunity to prepare more complete answers than impromptu responses.

Parties planning to participate in the workshop may e-mail questions to eecbg@energy.state.ca.us.

Please e-mail any questions by June 1, to give panelists time to develop responses.

Advance Written Comments

Written comments on the meeting topics must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on June 1, 2010. Please include the docket number 09-OII-01 and indicate Energy Block Grant Requirements Workshop in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Please hand deliver or mail an original copy to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 09-OII-01
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name or the name of your organization in the name of the file. Those submitting attached comments by electronic mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document Format (PDF) to [docket@energy.state.ca.us]. One paper copy must also be sent to the Energy Commission’s Docket Unit.

Participants may also provide an original and 10 copies at the beginning of the workshop. All written materials relating to this workshop will be filed with the Dockets Unit and become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Public Participation

The Energy Commission’s Public Adviser’s Office provides the public assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. If you want information on how to participate in this forum, please contact the Public Adviser’s Office at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at [PublicAdviser@energy.state.ca.us]. If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance.
Please direct all news media inquiries to the Media and Public Communications Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us]. If you have questions on the technical subject matter of this meeting, please contact John Sugar, Special Project Office Manager, by e-mail at eecbg@energy.state.ca.us.

Remote Attendance

Participation through WebEx, the Energy Commission's on-line meeting service

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- Provide your information as requested and then click the Submit button.
- You will receive a confirmation email message that contains the details to join the event.

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Follow the instructions in your confirmation email to join the meeting a few minutes early.

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Date: May 20, 2010

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