

MMUA Energy Services Bulletin

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Welcome!

Welcome to the first edition of MMUA's Energy Services Bulletin! Our goal is to keep you up to date on developments regarding conservation and related areas. If you have questions or would like more information or have other members of your organization that you would like us to send this to or about any of the subjects covered in the Bulletin, call Bob Jagusch at 612-840-9267 or e-mail him at bjagusch@mmua.org.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Update

Federal. The Department of Commerce, Office of Energy Security (OES) submitted their application for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program to the Department of Energy (DOE) for the funding to local units of government that are not eligible for this program. OES partnered with the League of Minnesota Cities and the Association of Minnesota Counties to work with the cities and counties that were eligible for the program.

State. OES is still developing the grant process for the EECBG Program for small cities and counties. They expect to have a Request for Proposals (RFP) for management of the Program issued sometime in September.

As far as the other grants that will be funded through the State Energy Program (SEP), OES is still working on the draft plans and design of the programs and expects to start issuing instructions for each program sometime this month. This also includes the Weatherization Assistance Program that is expected to be managed by the local CAP Agencies.

OES is still working on the Energy Star program and we will update you as we get information.

Stimulus Jobs

Stimulus related jobs are posted on the Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) website at: www.careers.state.mn.us. You

have to click on the "Commerce" Department to find the postings.

Work In Progress

MMUA is working with all the state utilities to provide a turn-key state wide refrigerator recycling program. The program goal is to remove inefficient WORKING refrigerators from homes and businesses. The energy savings agreed upon by OES is 844kWh/year over a 7.5 year lifetime and if freezers are included the savings for them would be 479kWh/year with the same 7.5 year lifetime.

Another program in the discussion phase is in conjunction with the Minnesota Department of Health to improve the energy efficiency of Surgical Suites in Hospitals and Clinics statewide.

Both opportunities will be discussed at the MMUA Summer Meeting, August 24 - 26 at the Breezy Point Resort in Pequot Lakes. We hope to see you there!

We continue to work with OES on the improvements to the Deemed Savings Database. The effort is getting close to completing the Lighting portion of the database. At the beginning of the process, lighting was assumed to be the easiest and quickest category to complete, which has not proven to be true. Upon completion though, the category will be one that has agreement of OES, the Utilities and the business community.

MMUA is also working with OES, the University of Minnesota, the IOU's and Co-Ops along with the business community to plan for standards and implementation of statewide Smart Grid systems. This process is just in the starting phase and will continue to develop as technology changes.