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Happy New Year!

There are quite a few opportunities working through the system in regard to ARRA funds. As dates become available, it may be necessary to send multiple Bulletins out each month, so if you get more than one Bulletin, make sure it isn't an update before you delete it. 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.

Manufacturing Perspective: Cap & Trade Symposium: Thursday, January 21

10:00AM - Noon

Alexandria Technical College

Cap-and-trade systems have surfaced as the focus of climate policy discussions across the country. The EPA, Congress, and some in Minnesota are discussing wide sweeping changes to environmental laws and regulations that would be costly to small business. Learn about the proposed legislation and the potential economic impact on small manufacturers.

The assembled speaker and panelists will share a national and regional perspective regarding the conversation surrounding cap-and-trade legislation.

Keynote Speaker: Bill Glahn, MN Office of Energy Security

Panelists:

- * Representative Mike Beard (R)
- * Brad Crabtree, Great Plains Institute
- * Al Crowser, Alexandria Light & Power
- * Tom Heller, Missouri River Energy Services

There is no cost to attend. Registration requested. Please RSVP by Friday January 15 to:

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ARRA

Commercial and Industrial Energy Grants – due February 12th

OES announced \$4.1 million for Commercial and Industrial Energy Grants as part of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 which offers competitive funding for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects that maximize energy savings, displace fossil fuel energy inputs and reduce the total energy demand of commercial and industrial buildings by developing, implementing and installing energy programs in commercial, industrial and nonprofit facilities. Of special interest is the revolving loan fund category for Economic Development Administrators and 501(c) (3) organizations.

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Minnesota "Trade in & Save"

Appliance Rebate Program

The OES received final DOE approval on its proposal mid-December and we are in contract negotiations with a rebate fulfillment company.

The Trade-in & Save Appliance Program, part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), will offer approximately 25,450 Minnesota homeowners a rebate for replacing their old appliance with a qualifying ENERGY STAR model purchased from a Minnesota retailer.

Rebates are not retroactive for purchases made outside the program timeframe of March 1st - March 31st, 2010 and this rebate does not apply to commercial endeavors including rental properties. The program is estimated to create 59 jobs and annually save 2,200,412 KWh in energy, 43,729,920 gallons of water and 4,705,065 lbs of carbon (CO₂).

Minnesota's allocation of \$5,009,000 includes rebates on:

- 6,035 clothes washers (\$200 rebate)
- 6,005 dishwashers (\$150 rebate)
- 1,999 freezers (\$100 rebate with purchase and "proof of demanufacturing"; \$50 for purchase only)
- 11,411 refrigerators (\$200 rebate with purchase and "proof of demanufacturing"; \$100 for purchase only)

Homeowners will be limited to one rebate for a single appliance purchase (maximum of \$200 per household). Once a reservation for a rebate is made, the resident will have 17 days to purchase, recycle and submit their rebate application. Funds from unclaimed reservations or disqualified

applications will be given to residents on a first come first serve basis who "wait listed" themselves for a rebate and submitted their paperwork. The OES plans to make consumers aware of utility bounty programs, or consumers can choose to turn over their refrigerator or freezer to their retailer or County Solid Waste Administrator. The "proof of demanufacturing" is required to earn 100% of the rebate on these two appliances and can be signed by any party picking up an appliance who certifies that it will be taken off the grid and turned over to an appropriate recycler ensuring the appliance will be fully decommissioned and the cfc's recycled. Our aim is to incent consumers to turn over their old working refrigerator or freezer vs. keeping it and prevent large quantities of old units from being resold. We are also adding in the provision that the consumer can provide the TOC number provided by their utility recycler if the pickup of the appliance will not allow the resident to meet the 17 day submission deadline.

The program-specific website www.mnappliancerebate.com will be launched February 1st (containing information only) until the rebate reservation system opens on March 1st. Program specific phone numbers will be provided at a later date. If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact me.

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The [Consortium for Energy Efficiency](#) (CEE) is developing a website to promote high efficiency water heaters to customers and contractors. Please contact Kara Rodgers at CEE if you would like your water heater rebates listed on the website. Or if you have with any questions about the website or about other work that CEE is doing to promote energy efficient products and to support the work of energy efficiency program administrators.

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