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ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT - ENERGY

The *American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009* (ARRA) continues to be rolled out by federal agencies. Please find an update on the programs related to tribal housing within the U.S. Department of the Energy (DOE). Guidelines and descriptions for these programs can be found at:

http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/government_grants.cfm#Tribal

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Deployment in Indian Country

Deadline: April 30, 2009

DOE administers the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Deployment in Indian Country Program. Eligible applicants are: Indian tribes; tribal energy resource development organization; or a tribal consortium on whose Indian Lands project(s) will be located. Three million dollars (\$3 M) has been allocated. The primary goal is installation of efficiency improvements to existing Tribally-owned buildings, including: energy efficiency improvements; and/or renewable energy system installations for building heating or cooling; or development of renewable energy projects; or construction of renewable energy projects for power production. (Reference Number DE-PS36-09GO99014)

Weatherization Assistance

Deadline: May 7, 2009

DOE administers the First Steps Toward Tribal Weatherization - Human Capacity Development Program. This program is open to Indian tribes; tribal energy resource development organizations; or tribal consortia and on whose tribal Lands weatherization services may be provided. One million dollars (\$1 M) has been allocated to be awarded to 5 applicants. (Reference Number DE-PS36-09GO99022)

Energy Efficiency and Conservation

Deadline: June 25, 2009

DOE administers the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. This program will be allocating \$56 million to all federally recognized tribes (a 2 percent set aside). EECBG is designed to implement energy efficiency and conservation strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions; reduce total energy use; and improve energy efficiency. Each eligible entity MUST submit an application to receive those funds. (Reference Number DE-FOA-0000013) Separate link:

<http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/eeecbg.cfm>

CABINET UPDATE

President Barack Obama named Steven Chu as the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy. The U.S. Senate confirmed his appointment on January 20, 2009. Mr. Chu formerly served as director of the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory.