

Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Flash



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USDA Invites Applications for Renewable Energy System and Energy Efficiency Improvement Projects

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking applications to provide assistance to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects.

Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, (Farm Bill) is designed to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses reduce energy costs and consumption and help meet the Nation's critical energy needs. REAP is offering grants, guaranteed loans, and combined grants and guaranteed loans for the development and construction of renewable energy systems and for energy efficiency improvement projects; and grants for conducting renewable energy system feasibility studies. The notice also announces the availability of up to \$20.8 million of Fiscal Year 2013 budget authority to fund these REAP activities, which will support up to \$10.4 million in grant program level and up to \$43.4 million in guaranteed loan program level. USDA is accepting the following applications:

- Renewable energy system and energy efficiency improvement grant applications and combination grant and guaranteed loan applications until *April 30, 2013*;
- Renewable energy system and energy efficiency improvement guaranteed loan only applications until *July 15, 2013*;
- Renewable energy system feasibility study grant applications through *April 30, 2013*.

If any of these renewable energy system applications are of interest, please contact Godfrey & Kahn to discuss how you may qualify and take full advantage of these grant opportunities.

Godfrey & Kahn has significant experience working with our renewable energy clients to accurately formulate grant applications and develop renewable energy projects, helping our clients to receive several million dollars in grants and other incentives for their projects. For more information on how Godfrey & Kahn can assist your organization in pursuing its energy goals, please contact John Clancy, Godfrey & Kahn's Environment and Energy Strategies Practice Group Leader, at 414.287.9256 or jclancy@gklaw.com.

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