

Rebuild Connecticut Partnership Initiatives



"Strengthening Communities Through Energy Efficiency"

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Solicitation Results Announced

The Office of Policy and Management (OPM) is pleased to announce the results of the solicitation focusing on municipal partnering with K-12 schools and/or higher education facilities. A team of evaluators, using criteria established in the proposal solicitation, reviewed and ranked proposals received by the deadline of 12/16/99.

A total of four communities will receive grants for their projects:

Cheshire, already an active REBUILD AMERICA participant, put together a detailed proposal to address efficiency implementation in all municipal buildings in the town. The particulars of their project proposal address a variety of measures at eight school buildings.

Meriden has built an energy efficiency partnership with its parochial schools, and intends to focus first on those schools in inner-city Meriden. The program will expand throughout the city to include public schools and municipal buildings. The city also plans to expand a pilot energy monitoring system citywide, and to become an aggregator for Meriden electricity customers.

Oxford has developed a three-year action plan for the Oxford Center School campus, which includes seven satellite buildings in addition to the main school building. A team of individuals has been brought together to implement the project and to develop a REBUILD AMERICA Action Plan. Under REBUILD, Oxford plans to expand energy efficiency activities to three additional schools, five town buildings and potentially three private buildings.

West Haven builds upon its existing REBUILD activities with the innovative creation of a solar powered "Cyber Café" at the West Haven High School. The project will result in the installation of photovoltaic panels to power 30 internet-connected workstations. They will be used as an educational tool for students at the high school.

Response to the solicitation was strong. As a result, OPM will repeat the solicitation in the near future.



Sites of Interest on the World Wide Web

Often, articles in this newsletter are accompanied by an internet address so that you can obtain more information on that particular subject. We felt it would be useful to include a brief description of some of the sites that would be of interest to REBUILD AMERICA partnerships. So grab your mouse and click away!

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Network- This U. S. Department of Energy web site connects you to a variety of links for different end-use sector information and programs. It also links you to a number of on-line newsletters. www.eren.doe.gov/

REBUILD AMERICA- Learn about REBUILD AMERICA and ongoing activities of partnerships nationwide. Find out what resources are available to you. The REBUILD AMERICA Sourcebook provides a wealth of downloadable files including RFPs, RFQs, contracts, and other documents that you can use as models and make your life a little easier. www.eren.doe.gov/buildings/rebuild/

Motor Challenge- This site has a wealth of information on motor systems, and has downloadable software to evaluate motor efficiencies. It also links you to other Office of Industrial Technology programs, including the Steam Challenge and the Compressed Air Challenge. www.motor.doe.gov/

Municipal Energy Management Program- This web site is oriented toward getting started on a plan of efficient growth and sustainability for your community. It contains thirty fact sheets about what other communities are doing to become model communities for sustainability. www.eren.doe.gov/cities_counties

Energy Star[®] - Energy Star[®] is a partnership program between the Environmental Protection Agency and the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE). Products labeled with Energy Star[®] logo use less energy than competing products, and will help you to save money on your utility bills. The label is found on a variety of products. Currently, products with the logo include household appliances, exit signs, compact fluorescent lamps, home electronics, office equipment, heating and cooling equipment, windows, residential light fixtures, transformers, roof products, insulation, and homes. Several other product lines will soon be included in the Energy Star[®] family. Those that are under development can be found on the web site. The web site contains listings, tools, and information to help you identify energy efficient products when you make your next purchase decision.

www.epa.gov/energystar/

Lighting Research Center- The Lighting Research Center, located at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's School of Architecture, is the largest university-based lighting research and educational center in the world. Their web site contains a wide range of information covering a variety of lighting technologies.

www.lrc.rpi.edu/

Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL)- PNNL has arranged with manufacturers a bulk procurement program for sub-compact fluorescent light bulbs. These bulbs, utilizing new designs and technologies, can fit in fixtures that most older compact fluorescents can't. Program details, technical specifications of the light bulbs, and links to order forms are available on their web site at

www.pnl.gov/cfl/

National Renewable Energy Laboratory- This is the definitive site for learning about renewable energy technologies. www.nrel.gov/

International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI)- The ICLEI is an association made up of 300 local governments from around the world. The organization is focused on preventing and finding solutions for global environmental pollution through local actions. The web site includes the ICLEI newsletter and a description of their programs and activities. www.iclei.org/

Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC)- For the most up-to-date information on issues relating to the restructuring of the electric utility industry in Connecticut, this is the site to visit.

www.state.ct.us/dpuc

Alliance to Save Energy- The Alliance to Save Energy (ASE) is a coalition of people representing government, business, environmental, and consumer interests whose goal is to promote the efficient and clean use of energy. ASE's web page contains energy information for consumers and information on Alliance programs and activities. www.ase.org/

American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy (ACEEE)- ACEEE publishes a guide called Top Rated Appliances and the Consumer Guide to Home Energy Savings. Some of the information contained in these guides is available on the web. You can also order the complete guides directly from ACEEE. They also produce a guide called the Green Guide to Cars and Trucks. www.aceee.org/ 



Northeastern Peer-to-Peer Exchange Scheduled

A peer-to-peer exchange is scheduled for April 17-19th in Providence, Rhode Island. This regional conference will include partnerships from New York and the six New England states. It is an interactive forum that allows partnerships to share experiences, brainstorm, and find solutions to challenges encountered when implementing retrofit projects. This peer-to-peer exchange is designed for local partnerships, so set aside the dates and make sure to attend this valuable session. More information on this conference will be included in the March newsletter. 

REBUILD AMERICA is a program which consists of people working as partners on a local level to renovate buildings for improved energy efficiency. REBUILD AMERICA partnerships help make communities stronger by stimulating economic growth, creating jobs, saving money, and improving environmental quality while saving energy.

Rebuild Connecticut Partnership Initiatives is designed to inform partners about energy opportunities and to share successes of partner activities. Contributions for future editions can be sent to: John Ruckes, OPM/Energy, 450 Capitol Avenue, MS# 52ENR, Hartford CT 06106-1308; by fax (860) 418-6495; or by e-mail:

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