

## Rebuild Pella Financing

Options...Rebuild Pella coordinator Jenise Dahlin has found a unique approach to help participants finance energy-efficiency improvements. A recent change in Iowa law allows businesses to avoid paying sales tax on energy used to manufacture items sold for retail. In applying for this exemption, business owners can also request a refund on past sales tax paid for this purpose. In addition to completing audits for Rebuild America

participants, Dahlin will

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help business owners apply for the exemption and refund. Owners are encouraged to use the refund to pay for identified improvements. "We are currently filing seven refund applications totaling more than \$6,500 for these businesses, three of which already have plans to make efficiency improvements," Dahlin said. "Tying the refund process to Rebuild is a good way to go in the door with a positive approach and come out of the process with a better chance of implementation." Additionally, Dahlin has worked with four local financing institutions to offer reduced rates on loans for Rebuild Pella projects. *For more information, contact Jenise Dahlin at (515) 628-2581.*