

The City of Richland, Washington, is offering low-interest loans through its revolving loan program for ENERGY STAR-approved appliances, including dishwashers, clothes washers, refrigerators and freezers. The loans are part of the city's program to encourage energy conservation improvements; they round out offerings including building insulation, replacement windows and heat pumps. "There has been considerable customer demand for appliance loans for some time now," said Larry Dunbar, the city's resource manager. "At the Rebuild America national conference, we were encouraged to keep the program development effort going. Thanks are in order ... for the guidance [they] offered my staff."