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John Hickenlooper
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Dear QECB Applicants,

It is important to read this Request for Applications (RFA) guideline and the accompanying Qualified Energy Conservation Bond (QECB) application prior to responding. All previous awardees have been chosen to receive QECB allocations based on their understanding of the requirements and guidelines articulated within this RFA.

Colorado State and local governments, colleges and universities, qualifying quasi-governmental organizations, non-profits, and for-profit private businesses and individuals are now invited to apply for a Qualified Energy Conservation Bond (QECB) volume cap allocation.

The Colorado Energy Office (CEO) is responsible for assigning Colorado's volume cap allocation, which includes all previously direct-allocated QECBs that have reverted back to the CEO in accordance with Colorado House Bill (HB) 09-1346, to qualified projects selected through this competitive process.

For this round of QECB allocations, all eligible projects in both the public and private sectors will be considered with priority given to the project/s that presents the most attractive impact to the state; for this round, priority will not be given to any single eligible use.

The CEO **expects** to award the entire remaining state volume cap (\$4,087,922.00); however, it should be noted that the CEO **reserves the right to not fund any of the applications**. Organizations and companies that have already received a volume cap allocation may also submit an application for an additional allocation.

While the CEO understands that many days are spent compiling information for an application request, it will not consider any applications that fail to follow the guidelines of this RFA and the accompanying QECB application; the CEO must maintain a level playing field and these requirements are essential to ensure a fair process for all. Therefore, please pay special attention to the application guidelines.

Further, the CEO acknowledges that all applicants fully expect to win the competitive process. If previous funding cycles are any indication, CEO will receive far more applications than it can fund. Effectively conveying the reasons you believe your project is superior to others will require effort. It should be understood that this process is very competitive and only the best applications/projects that offer superior benefits to Colorado and meet the guidelines contained in the RFA and the accompanying application will be selected to receive a QECB allocation.

This RFA has the following mandatory requirements:

- All RFA submissions must be received through paul.scharfenberger@state.co.us by **5:00pm on March 1, 2013.**

***Upon an award, the CEO has the right to request any additional information or documentation for contracting purposes. Any entity that does not provide such information or documentation within 30 days of the award will automatically be disqualified from funding.**

It should also be noted that specific federal tax regulations apply to projects financed under this program. Bond issuers will need the advice of qualified bond counsel and tax counsel in order to ensure the project and the bond issuance are in compliance with all applicable federal bond and tax regulations. Finally, federal Davis-Bacon prevailing wage rules apply to projects financed with QECBs.

Thank you for your interest in the CEO's RFA. The CEO salutes the many companies, organizations, and individuals that are engaged in advancing energy conservation projects across Colorado. It is the CEO's belief that these projects will not only promote economic development and lead to job creation while reducing the long-term consumer costs associated with energy, but will also improve the energy security of the state and result in significant environmental benefits.

Sincerely,

Paul Scharfenberger, Finance Manager
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