



ANNOUNCEMENT

MICHIGAN BUREAU OF ENERGY SYSTEMS Biomass Energy Demonstration Grants Request for Proposals (RFP)

\$24,950 Grant Maximum
PROPOSALS DUE: Friday, September 18,
2009
5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time

This Michigan Biomass Energy Program (MBEP) Request for Proposals (RFP) seeks to obtain proposals for state projects that contribute to the deployment/enhanced performance of fully commercialized biomass energy technologies. Examples of fundable projects could be the following: a product or strategy to improve production efficiency or apply biomass to energy conversion technology in a new or lower-cost manner; a plan to address the management and conversion of agriculture crops/waste, energy crops, animal waste, or organic municipal solid waste to energy at a host site or in cooperation with potential users of the technology; expanding the market for biofuels such as ethanol and biodiesel; advancing the expansion of wood-to-energy use; or developing emission factors for stationary energy units such as corn and wood-fired boilers.

MBEP plans to award multiple grants of up to \$24,950 per project. The State expects to issue grant agreements with a 1:1 match requirement from the applicants. Matching funds (cash and/or in-kind) must be applied to direct project costs and cannot be from a federal funding source. Match greater than 1:1 is encouraged. There is no minimum project cost. Projects must be completed within 9 months of award.

Project assistance funds come from a Department of Energy (DOE) "State Energy Program" (SEP) Grant. DOE restricts these funds to certain uses. The following will not be eligible for funding: costs associated with near-term commercial technologies; basic research and development activities; construction costs; costs associated with biomass production, harvesting, or processing.

Only public and non-profit entities are eligible. For-profit organizations may partner or sub-contract with eligible applicants. Partnerships between non-profits, public entities, and/or private entities are also encouraged.

This announcement is not a solicitation for proposals. To receive the full solicitation, please submit your request to Tania Howard by email at howardt4@michigan.gov, or by fax at (517) 241-6229, or by mail to:

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