

Kentucky's Clean Energy Corps: Building an Energy Efficiency Workforce

In the state's first comprehensive energy plan, *Intelligent Energy Choices for Kentucky's Future*, Governor Steve Beshear established the goal to reduce statewide energy demand 25% by 2025 through multiple strategies, including energy-efficiency programs funded in large part by the federal Recovery Act. Through these initiatives, Governor Beshear is helping to build a new energy efficiency workforce, create new job opportunities, and save existing jobs in the struggling construction industry.

Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program

The U.S. Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) serves Americans living at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Line, and is the nation's largest residential energy efficiency program. The Kentucky Housing Corporation received an additional \$70.9 million in Recovery Act funds to help expand WAP in Kentucky through March 2012.

The Weatherization Program is delivered to individuals across the state by the Community Action Kentucky (CAK) through a network of 22 local Community Action Agencies. **CAK is now looking for local businesses to help retrofit homes across the Commonwealth.** To find out if your business qualifies for WAP contracts, visit www.communityactionky.org and submit a response to CAK's Request for Qualifications.

For more information:

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KY Home Performance

KY Home Performance (KHP), launching this summer, will provide rebates or low interest loans to assist with the installation of energy efficiency measures to over 1,200 single family residences of all incomes across the Commonwealth. This program will help homeowners save money on their utility costs and will allow qualified contractors to be recognized with other quality providers on KHP's web site (see below). With an initial \$6.1 million in Recovery Act funds and private investments and an estimated \$17.5 million influx of private capital and funds, KHP is expected to help stimulate a long-term, market-driven energy efficiency improvement demand from homeowners that will continue beyond the expiration of the Recovery Act funds.

To become a KHP contractor, you must be a Building Performance Institute (BPI) certified Building Analyst or work with a BPI certified Building Analyst. **KHP is now looking for local businesses to serve as contractors this fall and winter, and will provide assistance with the BPI certification process.**

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Kentucky Building Performance

In September 2009, Gov. Steve Beshear announced the establishment of the nation's first state Green Bank. The Green Bank's mission is to promote energy efficiency and reduce operating costs in public buildings through low-interest loans. Green Bank loans are repaid from energy savings generated by building improvements. Funds are then recycled to fund new energy efficiency projects for other public buildings, making the program sustainable in the long run.

Energy Saving Companies seeking contracting opportunities with the state can contact Debbie McKnight, Cabinet for Economic Development, at Debbie.McKnight@ky.gov, or visit the Finance Cabinet eProcurement web site: <http://eprocurement.ky.gov/>.

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