



United States Department of Agriculture

Stakeholder Announcement

USDA Seeks Applicants for *Energy Audit and Renewable Energy Development Assistance Grants* under the Rural Energy for America Program

Applications are due February 12, 2015

(Jan. 12, 2015) – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today invited applications for energy audit and renewable energy development assistance grants.

The deadline to apply is February 12. These grants are part of USDA’s Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), which was created under the 2008 Farm Bill and reauthorized under the 2014 Farm Bill.

Energy audit and renewable energy development assistance grants are available to units of State, Tribal or local governments and their instrumentalities, institutions of higher education, rural electric cooperatives, public power entities or Resource Conservation and Development Councils.

The Agency will host an informational webinar on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. eastern time to discuss the Energy Audit and Renewable Energy Development Assistance Grant Program. There is no cost for the webinar; however all wishing to participate must register for the event. Please visit, <https://www.webcaster4.com/Webcast/Page/789/7004> to complete the registration for the webcast. The audio only portion of the webinar will be available via phone by dialing Toll-Free (US & Canada) 1-888-669-0685 or International Dial-In (Toll) 1-862-255-5362. Please reference the “USDA Event” when asked which call you are attempting to connect.

Additional information about how to apply for this funding is available in the [REAP Funding Notice](#) and about the [REAP Final Rule](#) – which makes several important changes to the program based on public comment and the provisions in the 2014 Farm Bill – are available in the [Federal Register](#) <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-12-29> (December 29, 2014, page 78029.)

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