

NOTICE

Department of Community and Economic Development Weatherization Assistance Program's Proposed State Plan

The Department of Community and Economic Development (Department) publishes notice of a public hearing to be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 24, 2010, in PUC Hearing Room 2, Plaza Level of the Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA. The purpose of this hearing is to receive comments on the proposed changes in the Pennsylvania 2010-11 annually-appropriated U.S. Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program Plan (the "regular" plan) and the 2010-11 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act State Weatherization Plan (the "ARRA" plan).

The regular and ARRA plans are to be amended to transfer the contract rights and obligations of the City of New Castle as a sub-grantee of the Commonwealth under both plans to Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. (the "LCSS").

The 2010-11 ARRA plan provisions for "first priority households" will be modified to meet current conditions and maximize the effective use of ARRA weatherization funds.

The 2010-11 regular plan will authorize modification of the current formula-based distribution of funds. The Department, in cooperation with DOE will transition the implementation of the modified formula during the 2010 plan year. The changes may result in the redistribution of funds among sub-grantees based upon specific performance metrics including but not limited to production, quality of the work product, prompt, accurate and complete reporting, and energy reduction achieved. The state-issued certification process currently employed in the ARRA Weatherization Program will also be implemented for the "regular" plan.

Copies of the "regular" and ARRA Weatherization Program Plans may be obtained beginning on May 12, 2010 by contacting the Department of Community and Economic Development, Office of Energy Conservation and Weatherization, 4th Floor, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120 (717) 720-1354 or it can be downloaded from the Department's web site at www.newpa.com.

Written comments may be submitted to E. Craig Heim, Executive Director of the Office of Energy Conservation and Weatherization, 4th Floor, Commonwealth Keystone Building, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120 until 5 p.m. on May 21, 2010.

Persons with a disability who wish to attend this hearing and require auxiliary aid, services or other accommodations to participate in the proceedings, contact Jacquelyn Allen (717) 720-1354 to discuss how the Department may accommodate their needs.

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Secretary