

## EPA Offers Suite of Resources to Assist State and Locals with ARRA Clean Energy Funding

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), state, local, and tribal governments will receive substantial funding to implement clean energy efficiency initiatives in their jurisdictions. EPA offers a suite of resources focused on maximizing the benefits of ARRA funding:

1) *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: State and Local Guide to U.S. EPA Climate and Energy Program Resources*

This guide has been designed to help state and local governments see which EPA programs could be leveraged to expand or develop clean energy initiatives in their locality. It includes synopses of 14 EPA climate and energy partnership programs. Each program description includes: basic information and contact details, potential target audiences, highlights of ready-to-go tools and resources, and possible actions a state or local government could take.

[www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/documents/slb\\_guide\\_to\\_program\\_resources.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/documents/slb_guide_to_program_resources.pdf)

2) *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: A Guide to Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Opportunities for Local and Tribal Governments:*

This 16 page guide provides an overview of funding sources in ARRA that local governments can use to implement clean energy programs and EPA resources that can support clean energy efforts. The guide covers funding and resources for energy, energy in water treatment, schools, affordable housing, transportation, and green jobs.

[www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/documents/local\\_guide\\_to\\_arra.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/documents/local_guide_to_arra.pdf)

3) *Webcast: Using EPA Resources to Maximize Clean Energy in Economic Recovery Spending*

This webcast was recorded March 5, 2009 and featured a crosswalk of available funds and EPA resources, including an overview of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants, an overview of clean energy opportunities in the state water revolving funds, and a Q&A session with EPA staff. The recording, presentations, transcript and a 16-page guide of funding opportunities and resources are available.

[www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-programs/state-and-local/webcast.html](http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-programs/state-and-local/webcast.html)

4) *Rapid Deployment Energy Efficiency (RDEE) Toolkit* (in development)

The toolkit will provide detailed program design and implementation guides for 5 to 10 broadly applicable energy efficiency programs that have extensive, proven field experience with documentation on program design, program cost, and results. The RDEE toolkit is being developed through a joint effort of the U.S. EPA and the U.S. Department of Energy, building upon technical information provided by the Leadership Group of the National Action Plan on Energy Efficiency.

[http://epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-resources/ee\\_toolkit.html](http://epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-resources/ee_toolkit.html)

5) *ENERGY STAR Webcasts*

U.S. EPA's ENERGY STAR team offers a series of web trainings that can help you leverage ENERGY STAR tools to get the most out of your stimulus funding. Visit

[www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=business.bus\\_internet\\_presentations](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=business.bus_internet_presentations) to view upcoming or pre-recorded trainings.

Energy Star Webcast Example: Maximize Stimulus Funding with Performance Contracting and ENERGY STAR. This practical session provides you with the knowledge you need to understand the benefits and nuances of performance contracting and how to leverage ENERGY STAR tools in your contract to get the most out of stimulus funding.

As additional information becomes available, EPA will update materials on the State and Local Clean Energy website. Please keep an eye on the "what's new" section of:

<http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-programs/state-and-local/index.html> for the latest information and new resources.