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## Office of Energy Development announces Home Energy Rebates public engagement plans

INDIANAPOLIS -- The Indiana Office of Energy Development (OED) is launching a comprehensive planning, design, and implementation process for a federally funded home energy rebate program. The first phase of the process, developing the state's detailed implementation plans, is underway and will continue through mid-Summer.

Public engagement is a critical component of the rebate development process and OED is requesting robust input from the public and an array of stakeholders.

"We are seeking engagement with Hoosiers across the state so that we can reach as many qualified applicants as possible when these programs are made available," said Ryan Hadley, executive director of the OED. "Input is a critical element to ensure we develop a robust and well-run program."

After engaging with broad spectrum of stakeholders in the Spring and Summer, OED will submit program plans to the U.S. Department of Energy, targeting a rebate implementation timeline of late Fall 2024. The exact timing of rebate availability is subject to change based upon when the U.S. Department of Energy approves Indiana's submitted plans.

The U.S. Department of Energy recently included Indiana as part of its second cohort of states seeking full funding for the rebate programs via an extensive development process.

Currently, OED plans to host two virtual meetings and four in-person forums across the Hoosier State.

The first virtual meeting, a statewide kickoff, is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **April 30**, **at 6:30 pm EST (5:30 pm CST)**. Interested stakeholders may register here: <a href="https://www.in.gov/oed/grants-and-funding-opportunities/homeowner-incentives/">https://www.in.gov/oed/grants-and-funding-opportunities/homeowner-incentives/</a>

Specific locations will be announced soon for the following in-person meetings.

- Wednesday, May 22, 2024 | 7:30p 9:30p EST (6:30p 8:30p CST) | Gary
- Tuesday, June 11, 2024 | 6:30p 8:30p EST (5:30p 7:30p CST) | Indianapolis
- Thursday, June 13, 2024 | 7:30p 9:30p EST (6:30p 8:30p CST) | Evansville
- Tuesday, June 25, 2024 | 6:30p 8:30p EST (5:30p 7:30p CST) | Fort Wayne

A final virtual meeting, a statewide closeout, will be held and is scheduled for the following date and time:

Virtual Closing Session on Thursday, June 27, 2024 6:30p – 7:00p EST (5:30p – 6:00p CST)

## **More about Home Energy Rebates**

Additional information about the rebate programs and additional information may be found on the Indiana OED website: <a href="https://www.in.gov/oed/grants-and-funding-opportunities/homeowner-incentives/">https://www.in.gov/oed/grants-and-funding-opportunities/homeowner-incentives/</a>

## **About the Indiana Office of Energy Development**

The Indiana Office of Energy Development (OED) was established to shepherd energy planning and policy development. OED focuses on the development and implementation of comprehensive energy planning for the state that utilizes all of Indiana's energy resources and supports a strong, dynamic, and growing economy.

Additional information about the Indiana OED may be found at: <a href="https://www.in.gov/oed/">https://www.in.gov/oed/</a>

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