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Deadlines:

May 30, 2013

DOE Closeout Due

IWAP New Path:

[https://ihcdaonline.com/wap/IWAPlogin.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fwap%2fReports%](https://ihcdaonline.com/wap/IWAPlogin.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fwap%2fReports%2f)

SAMM

IHCDA would like to host a Semi-Annual Managers Meeting but has put it on hold due to the current federal funding issues. Tentative schedule would be to hold 2-3 regional SAMMs in early April. By that time the funding issues should be resolved, we will know if we have any carry over DOE funds and the updated policy manual will be issued. We would like to hold regional meetings to facilitate discussion among program managers. We will email once we have dates and locations set.

P&P Manual

Weatherization Policy and Procedures Manual is in the process of being updated. We plan to release the semi-annually updated manual around March 31, 2013 prior to the start of the new DOE grant year.

IHCDA Website

IHCDA has revamped its website and the new site will launch in late February.

The Public side will be client-oriented focusing on qualifications for weatherization services, allowable services, service providers and utilities. Public/Consumer site: www.ihcda.in.gov.

The Partner site will be your side to find policy and forms. Partner site: www.myihcda.in.gov

Department of Energy 2013 Funding

IHCDA has not received any details concerning the 2013 DOE funding scheduled to start April 1, 2013. At this time Dept. of Energy is still on a Continuing Resolution at \$68M through March 27 and under the potential sequestration which could go into effect on March 1.

I have been in communications with our new (and old) Project Officer but have not received any more details. Although we would usually have our program guidance by now for the 2013 program year, I assume it will be delayed until after the sequestration deadline. I realize this makes it hard to plan.

At this point plan to close out your 2010-2012 DOE grants with productions ending March 31 and I would assume the 2013 DOE grants scheduled to start April 1 will be delayed. For planning purposes we will be submitting a Good Cause Worker to provide additional LIHEAP weatherization funds to become available in April 2013.

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DOE Grant Progress

IHCDA will continue to review progress on DOE completions and spend out rates for the DOE grant that ends on March 31. Many of you have been asked to provide updated production plans and we have discovered many challenges associated with the three year grant. Please contact Ray or Donna if you have questions or need assistance with your grant or close out.

A suggestion: create a mock close out now to determine any issues that can be corrected before close out. Most of these issues cannot be fixed after March 31 and IHCDA does not wish to receive many large repayments of grant funds at the close out date.

State LIHEAP

Remember State LIHEAP grants follows the same policy and procedures as federally funded LIHEAP weatherization. Three things to remember when using these funds:

1. The client must be a HOME OWNER (no rental clients);
2. State LIHEAP CAN be mixed with DOE funds but NOT with federal LIHEAP funds; and
3. There are no line items for Supplies or Equipment

You need to data enter these clients into IWAP with funding source "State LIHEAP". Thank you to Grant Easter at COWI for working through the IWAP challenges of the first State LIHEAP completions! These grants run through September 30, 2013.

Environmental Management Institute

Each sub-grantee is reminded that they are required to have at least one Weatherization staff member who is licensed Lead Risk Assessor capable of performing lead testing with the Niton XRF and at least one Weatherization staff member who has achieved Lead Renovator Certification. [Policy and Procedures Manual, Section 600, sub-section 608]

IHCDA projects having some carryover DOE T&TA funds available starting April 1 to continue to support these classes through EMI. Contact EMI to register at www.envmgt.org or 800-488-8842.

- OSHA 10—February 6-7 or April 2-3
- OSHA 30—April 8-11 or June 3-6
- Lead Refresher—March 11-13 [Depending on which refresher is needed]
- Inspector/RA—June 10-14
- Lead Supervisor—April 22-25

Training

IHCDA and INCAA are considering possible updates/changes to the new training competencies. The possible updates/changes include limited test out options for experienced [former BPI certified individuals] personnel, adjusting the time allowed to obtain competency and addressing the use of specialty contractors.

Each sub-grantee is encouraged to be proactive in reviewing their training needs and ensure that the only people being approved for training are those who are working in the Weatherization Network and are needed to complete production requirements. Anyone not fitting this descriptions should not be approved for training.

Hoosier Energy Wood Stove Program

Many of the southern Indiana sub-grantees have been working on the Hoosier Energy Wood Stove Program. As you complete units with this grant, please make a claim online and report your completed unit to Ray Judy.

Thank you for the recent updates. We are compiling a summary to present to Hoosier Energy on February 11th. We will discuss progress and the future of the program. Roeing has been requested to pull 2013 client lists to assist sub-grantees in finding more current clients and phone numbers. We will email these to you once we receive them.

Mechanical Ventilation

When installing an ASHRAE 62.2 fan, you should be recording this in IWAP as a **Health and Safety** or **Mechanical expense**. There a new box on the “Jobs Completion” page entitled “Post WX Continuous Mech. Ventilation Needed”. This box is located directly below the Minimum Ventilation rate box. The number that is entered into the new box should be final ASHRAE 62.2 number as determined upon competing final blower door testing and final adjustments to the home

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Final numbers and approvals for measures are nearing completion for the 2012 year. Those who entered data on clients will receive an email and a distribution of funds within the next few weeks. Thank you for the quick responses to questions. It helped us approve many additional clients and measures who were initially rejected. The program has been renewed for December 15, 2013 so continue to enter clients and data.

IHCDA...The Magazine

IHCDA launched an online magazine in December 2012. The next issue will be published towards the end of March. Watch for the Energy Department staff as the featured department in March issue.

Congratulations!

Frank Peacock has been named SCCAP's new Weatherization Program Manager in January.

Updated 2013 Federal Income Guidelines

New 2013 Federal Income guidelines were issued by HHS on January 24, 2013. Weatherization will change its guidelines on June 1, 2013 to align with the Energy Assistance Program. Both IWAP and RIAA will use those new guidelines starting June 1, 2013.

Northern Indiana Wood Stove Program

NIPSCO is sponsoring a wood stove replacement program in northern Indiana. The original agreement only included 7 counties in NWICA, NCCAA, REAL Services and CANI's service territory. Since that time the program has been opened to 39 northern Indiana countries covering all of NIPSCO's service territory. IHCDA has mailed letters to EAP clients in the initial 7 counties and will soon be mailing the remaining 32 counties.

If you receive a call concerning this program or know of a potential wood client who could benefit, please direct to the following website: <http://www.nipsco.com/en/our-services/wood-stove-changeout.aspx> or to Pamela Emery at IHCDA at 317-233-5380 or pbowling@ihcda.in.gov. IHCDA has been given funds to support 30 wood stove replacements and has already approved three clients. The program is available through June 30, 2013.