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Pennsylvania ARRA Weatherization State Plan Implementation

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- \$252.8 million from U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for Pennsylvania's ARRA weatherization assistance program (WAP)
- State plan approved August 10, 2009
- Funds distributed to agencies November 2009
- Spend period runs through March 30, 2012

Goals

- Put an estimated 940 Pennsylvanians to work
- Weatherize more than 29,700 homes to decrease energy bills of low-income households
- Reduce energy usage, thereby achieving greater energy independence and lessening adverse impact on the environment

Implementation

- 43 subgrantee agencies: existing WAP network of 42 agencies, plus Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA)
- Average expenditure per home increased to \$6,500
- Davis-Bacon prevailing wages apply
- MWBWE participation
- Income eligibility: 200% federal poverty level (\$44,100 for family of four)

Distribution of Funds

Base Allocations - \$203.3 million – weighted formula distribution to existing WAP agencies: 50% low-income population; 30% heating degree days; 20% based on prior year's allocation.

PHFA - \$22.3 million - multi-family dwellings.

DCED Program Management – up to \$7.2 million.

Training/Technical Assistance – up to \$20 million - grant agreement with Department of Labor and Industry (L&I). Actual spend should come in much lower, with excess going towards weatherizing homes.

Worker Competency and Certification

- L&I certification serves as industry-recognized credential
 - 929 applications received for certification of incumbent installer, crew chief and auditor positions
 - 966 have participated in training
 - 305 new jobs have been created

Training

- **Weatherization training center at Penn College in Williamsport, a national leader in WAP training**
 - Doubled capacity
 - Guides the certification process for instructors and workers
- **Six new training sites**
 - Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology, Lancaster
 - Johnson College, Scranton
 - Community College of Allegheny County (International Union of Operating Engineers Local 95)
 - Greater Johnstown Career & Technology Center
 - Energy Coordinating Agency, Philadelphia
 - Lehigh Career & Technical Institute

Production

- 2,525 homes have been weatherized
- 4,000+ homes are in progress
- Project > 15,000 by September 2010
- Project > 35,000 by end of program (March 2012), far exceeding our state plan goal of 29,700

Program Accountability

- DCED inspection of 5% of all units focusing on the installation work and its consistency with the energy audit
- DCED inspection of 5% of all units focusing on the energy audit and work prioritization (new activity)
- Standardization of monitoring protocols in progress (finalization 3/16/10)
- DCED monitoring group of 15 (from 3)

Oversight and Reporting

- External evaluation of energy savings by Penn State
- Weekly monitoring by DOE and quarterly reports to DOE on job creation and retention, training and weatherization activity
- GAO review of monitoring protocols and ARRA training efforts
- DOE Inspector General review of Pennsylvania's accountability and implementation structure