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## **DCED SEEKING COMMENT ON RFP FOR AGENCIES TO IMPLEMENT WEATHERIZATION PLAN**

**HARRISBURG** – The Department of Community and Economic Development is now accepting comments on a draft request for proposal it will issue to the commonwealth's 42 weatherization agencies to solicit participation in the state's expanded weatherization program under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Governor Edward G. Rendell announced today.

DCED will accept comments on its draft RFP through Wednesday, June 24, and issue the RFP July 1, with proposals due Aug. 1. The announcement of awards will be Sept. 15.

The American Recovery & Reinvestment Act, or ARRA, is providing \$252.8 million for Pennsylvania's weatherization assistance program, which is designed to help low-income households decrease energy consumption and costs.

ARRA funds will allow Pennsylvania to weatherize 29,700 housing units and put nearly 1,000 people to work over the next 2-3 years.

The draft RFP is available at [www.newpa.com](http://www.newpa.com); keyword: weatherization.

Comments on the draft RFP should be submitted to [wxrfpfeedback@state.pa.us](mailto:wxrfpfeedback@state.pa.us).

Questions may be directed to E. Craig Heim, executive director of the weatherization program, at [heim@state.pa.us](mailto:heim@state.pa.us), or 717-214-5440

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