

Dear Friend:

As commissioner of the state's chief energy agency, I want to make you aware that you can use your Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Funds to upgrade your existing water heaters to tankless propane water heaters at your road facilities and offices. Tankless water heaters save a third of the energy of conventional water heaters, because they only heat water "as needed". They help save on your utility bills, allowing more money for priority needs. Best of all, if you're replacing an electric standard water heater with a propane tankless heater, your county also qualifies for a \$350 cash rebate from the Railroad Commission for each changeout.

You can learn how much your county is eligible for at www.seco.cpa.state.tx.us/arra/eecbg/index.php. Typically the grants range from \$20,000 - \$30,000, which would enable you to upgrade to tankless water heaters at numerous locations.

The deadline for funds is short. If you are interested in utilizing the monies to upgrade to tankless water heaters in county-owned facilities, you need to submit the attached mandatory Notice of Intent form signed by the authorized representative no later than November 6, 2009, 2:00 p.m. CZT to the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

For assistance in determining whether utilizing the EECBG funds for tankless propane water heater upgrades is a good choice for your city, please contact Pat Wilson at 512-475-2911 or patrick.wilson@rrc.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Notification of Intent

To: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
SECO Stimulus

111 E. 17th Street, Room #801-A
Austin, Texas 78711-1440

From: City/County (*circle one*) of _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

_____ (**Check here**) The City/County (*circle one*) of _____ intends to **accept** the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program allocation under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

These funds will be used to stimulate the economy, create or retain jobs and to develop and implement projects that will improve energy efficiency and reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions in our community.

(Please check)

We have read the list of preliminary reporting requirements, and understand that upon acceptance we must comply with all reporting requirements under the ARRA in addition to other state and federal requirements.

We understand that this form must be returned to SECO within 45 days, at which point we will receive a follow up packet with the application.

We further understand that we must pass an official resolution accepting the funds within 60 days.

And

We will provide a detailed plan and budget of the project(s) and/or program(s) we will implement and complete in an application that SECO will send within 90 days.

Our designated EECBG contact person is (please print):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

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_____ (**Check here**) The City/County of _____ intends to **decline** the allocation for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program allocation under the ARRA and acknowledge these funds will cease to be available in the future.

Please attach a separate sheet and explain why you are not accepting the allocation.

Signature _____

Date _____

(Authorized Official or his/her designee)

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this _____ day of _____, _____.

Notary Public, State of

(Notary Seal)

My commission expires _____