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Smart grid investment grant opportunity is coming



◆ The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is anticipating issuing a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) for grants for the Smart Grid Investment Grant Program June 17.

The FOA will permit applicants to submit applications on or before three separate due dates with the complete obligation of funds to awards accomplished by September 30, 2010. The three anticipated application due dates are: July 29, 2009; December 2, 2009; and March 31, 2010.

APPA will hold a webinar June 24 explaining the smart grid FOA. More details will be available at www.appanet.org.



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Hazard mitigation money for utilities still available



◆ Electric utilities in Iowa should note that Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is still available. The deadline for receiving an HMGP Notice of Interest (NOI) and Project Application has been extended. The NOI form deadline is September 15, 2009 and the application deadline is now November 1, 2009.

This funding is available as a result of tornadoes and catastrophic flooding that occurred in Iowa in 2008. The State of Iowa is opening up HMGP fund availability beyond property acquisition/demolition and planning projects. Projects may be of any type that will reduce or eliminate losses from future natural disasters. This includes such things as structural and non-structural retrofitting of public buildings, facilities or utilities (including electric lines) to protect against wind, ice or flood hazards; certain storm water management projects; localized flood control projects; acquisition, structural relocation or elevation of buildings located in a special flood hazard area; and tornado safe rooms.

A key requirement is that a FEMA-approved local mitigation plan must be in place prior to the awarding of any HMGP funds. Any community that does not have an approved local mitigation plan should know that there may still be an opportunity to be awarded HMGP funds once a plan is approved. These communities are encouraged to move forward with submitting a NOI.



The total estimated amount of HMGP funds available (at the time the information was compiled) is \$251 million. The amount of funding available is limited, and will not be renewed. Therefore, cities and utilities should plan application for funds with a "first-come, first-served" awareness.

Pertinent documents, including a list of Frequently Asked Questions and an application form, have been posted on the home page of the IAMU web site, www.iamu.org (look under "Hot News"). For more information contact Eric Stoll at IAMU, 800-810-4268 or estoll@iamu.org.

Interest, participation in IAMWind keeps growing



◆ The Iowa Agency for Municipal Wind (IAMWind) now has 34 participants across Iowa, including the South Iowa Municipal Electric Cooperative Association (SIMECA) and the Western Iowa Municipal Electric Cooperative Association (WIMECA). This adds up to a total of 113.2 MW of interest in the project to build a wind farm for Iowa municipal utility members.

The facility will be constructed on a site near Ridgeport in Boone County. The current phase of work includes meteorological studies, environmental studies, transmission studies (the project is in the MISO queue) and evaluation of financing options. IAMWind is a 28E entity whose mission is ". . . to acquire ownership of reliable and economic supplies of electricity from wind energy for the benefit of the members."

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