



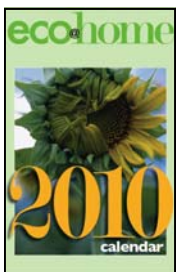
Upcoming Events

November 17 — 19, 2009
Annual Water/Wastewater Operator Conference, Holiday Inn Northwest, Des Moines. *Early discount registration deadline Nov. 2.* Register/more information [here](#)

December 3, 2009
Establishing a Stormwater Utility. Register/more information [here](#)

December 8, 2009
Construction Site Inspector Training (stormwater). Register/more information [here](#)

December 9 & 10, 2009
Water Operator Lab Workshop. Register/more information [here](#)



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Featuring "The Family Connection" in IAMU and its member utilities

EE grant meetings this week; opportunities clarified



◆ On Friday, November 13, IAMU distributed a notice to all members utilities regarding a Competitive Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funding opportunity. The Iowa Office of Energy Independence is joining with associations representing political subdivisions (counties, cities, municipal utilities and councils of government) to apply for funding.



Questions have arisen from IAMU members regarding this grant opportunity in relation to a previously announced state Community Energy Efficiency Block Grant.

The series of meetings released November 13 is to announce the cooperation between the Iowa Office of Energy Independence and local governments in making application for funding from a competitive federal pool of money appropriated through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), commonly known as either the "federal stimulus program" or "the Recovery Act." The purpose of the meetings is to discuss this federal grant opportunity and to elicit ideas about the joint application from those who would be involved in the process.

These meetings have been scheduled for: **November 18, Council Bluffs** (Iowa Western Community College, Auditorium, 2700 College Rd.); **November 19, Mason City**, North Iowa Area Community College, Muse-Norris Conference Center, 500 College Dr.; **November 20**, Muscatine, Muscatine Community College, Larson Hall Conference Center, Room 72 & 73, 152 Colorado St.; **November 23**, Dubuque, Dubuque Town Clock Center for Professional Development, 680 Main St.; and **November 24**, Ankeny, Energy Resource Station, 2006 South Ankeny Blvd. The Office of Energy Independence has confirmed that each meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m.

This opportunity is for a competitive Community Energy Efficiency Block Grant application that the State of Iowa is applying for through the U.S. Department of Energy. This application to the federal government is for an additional \$5—\$75 million in funding for energy efficiency in Iowa.

This opportunity should not be confused with the Community Energy Efficiency Block Grant that will be officially announced later this year for smaller communities to apply for through the Office of Energy Independence for energy efficiency projects and transportation planning projects. The goal is to allow communities to make the case for energy efficiency and efficiency efforts by local groups to citizens at large. This program was approved during the 2009 session of the Iowa General Assembly, and these dollars have already been awarded to the state.



Anyone planning to attend the federal grant program meetings beginning this week is asked to R.S.V.P. to Robert Grayson, Iowa Office of Energy Independence, at robert.grayson@iowa.gov or 515-725-2064.

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