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Governor Beshear says state to receive energy efficiency grant

Stimulus money to help with industrial energy projects

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 4, 2009) – Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear announced today that the state has successfully competed for and been awarded \$350,000 in federal energy grants to be used for industrial energy efficiency projects across the Commonwealth. The funding comes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 through the U.S. Department of Energy.

Through a partnership with the Kentucky Pollution Prevention Center at the University of Louisville (KPPC), the Kentucky Department for Energy Development and Independence will launch Kentucky Save Energy Now (KY SEN) to assist industrial facilities in Kentucky to obtain, achieve and sustain an annual reduction in energy intensity for an initial period of three years.

“This funding, and the creation of KY SEN, will expand industrial energy management resources in the Commonwealth,” said Gov. Beshear. “The project will also provide a wide array of federal resources, including best practices tools and assessments, software tools, training and extensive publications.”

KY SEN is designed to meet the goals of Gov. Beshear’s Intelligent Energy Choices for Kentucky’s Future: Kentucky’s 7-Point Energy Strategy, and will be part of the effort to reduce Kentucky’s energy consumption by 18 percent by 2025.

“The primary goal of Phase 1 of the project is to help industrial participants develop and implement an energy-reduction plan to reduce energy use by 2.5 percent per year,” said Len Peters, secretary of the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet. “The corresponding goal for Phase 2 of KY SEN will be to continue implementing the energy reduction plans and develop them into self-sustaining programs to continue reducing energy usage by 2.5 percent per year for a period up to 10 years.”

KPPC is Kentucky's primary resource to help businesses, industries and other organizations develop environmentally sustainable, cost-saving solutions for improved efficiency. Based at the University of Louisville's J.B. Speed School of Engineering, KPPC provides technical information and assistance that is free, confidential and non-regulatory. KPPC plans to expand its program to increase its assistance for Kentucky's industrial sector. Cam Metcalf, executive director for KPPC, will be the principal investigator for this project.

KY SEN will use a comprehensive set of resources to reach a wide audience of industrial facilities, including: training workshops; site training; web-based training modules; webinars; demonstrations and showcasing of energy efficient processes, technologies and techniques; utility input and assistance; energy efficiency incentives available at the federal, state, regional and utility level; green power options; best practice informational sheets; case study examples; and energy assessments.

Kentucky ranks 11th in the nation in industrial energy consumption. This results in a large energy-related environmental impact for the state's industrial sector, given that a substantial amount of that energy is derived from high-carbon footprint energy sources such as traditional coal combustion. Rising energy costs are putting a strain on energy-intensive Kentucky manufacturers, cutting profit margins, curtailing business growth and prosperity, and threatening the state's 240,000+ jobs in the manufacturing sector.

To learn more about KPPC, visit: www.kppc.org. For more information on Intelligent Energy Choices for Kentucky's Future: Kentucky's 7-Point Energy Strategy, visit www.energy.ky.gov

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