**AMLER Grant Process**

1. **Application Period**
   - The Energy and Environment Cabinet issues public notice of acceptance of applications. Division of Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) staff are available to answer questions and consult with interested applicants.

2. **Cabinet Review**
   - The Cabinet, with the assistance of an advisory group, reviews all applications. Applicants may be required, as a part of the review process, to make presentations.

3. **Initial Vetting**
   - Selected applications are sent to OSMRE for review. This is a lengthy process involving critical assessment from several offices within OSMRE from Lexington, KY to Washington D.C.

4. **MOA and Design**
   - Applicants vetted by OSMRE enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Cabinet, after which grant funds may be expended, but only for project design costs.

5. **NEPA Review**
   - Completed designs are submitted to AML. AML conducts a National Environmental Policy Act review, assessing the site for environmental and socio-economic impacts.

6. **ATP**
   - AML submits the completed designs and NEPA assessment to OSMRE, requesting Authorization to Proceed. A second review by OSMRE, this process is detailed and often lengthy.

7. **Implementation**
   - After ATP is given from OSMRE, grants can begin work on construction/Implementation. Bids and contracts can be issued, following Kentucky Model Procurement code.

8. **Final Reporting**
   - Once the project is completed and the grant expended, grantees are required to complete a final summary of the project, evaluating the process.

*See "Important Terms" document for information on other abbreviations and terminology.*