

ANNOUNCEMENT

MICHIGAN ENERGY OFFICE Biomass Energy Grants Request for Proposals (RFP)

**\$24,950 Grant Maximum
PROPOSALS DUE: Friday, March 9, 2007
5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time**

This Michigan Biomass Energy Program (MBEP) Request for Proposals (RFP) seeks to obtain proposals for state projects that expand markets for energy and fuel derived from Michigan biomass resources. Biomass is defined as any organic matter that is available on a renewable basis through natural processes or as a by-product of human activity such as agricultural crops and crop residues, wood and wood waste, and municipal solid waste. MBEP plans to award multiple grants of up to \$24,950 per project. The State expects to issue grant agreements with a 1:1 match requirement from the applicants. Matching funds (cash and/or in-kind) must be applied to direct project costs and cannot be from a federal funding source. Match greater than 1:1 is encouraged. There is no minimum project cost. Projects must be completed within 12 months of award.

Project assistance funds come from the Department of Energy (DOE) "State Energy Program" (SEP) Grant. DOE restricts these funds to certain uses. The following will **NOT** be eligible for funding: Development, evaluation, and feasibility studies of near-term commercial technologies; basic research and development activities; construction costs; costs associated with biomass production, harvesting, or processing.

Only public and non-profit entities are eligible. For-profit organizations may partner or sub-contract with eligible applicants. Partnerships between non-profits, public entities, and/or private entities are also encouraged.

This announcement is not a solicitation for proposals. To receive the full solicitation, please submit your request to Shauna Tonsor by email to tonsors@michigan.gov, or by fax to (517) 241-6229, or by mail to:

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Additional information about MBEP programs and funding opportunities can be found on our web site at <http://www.michigan.gov/biomass>.