



ANNOUNCEMENT

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

**\$120,000 Grant Maximum
PROPOSALS DUE: Tuesday, September 23, 2008
5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time**

This Michigan Biomass Energy Program (MBEP) Request for Proposals (RFP) seeks to obtain proposals to conduct a statewide feedstock assessment which examines the type, supply, location, and energy potential of Michigan biomass sources. Due to other studies planned or underway, this assessment will not include woody biomass. Instead, the focus will be on other feedstocks of importance in Michigan such as: corn stover, sugar beet pulp, animal manure (beef and dairy cattle, swine, turkey, chicken), straw, idle farmland (for growing switchgrass or other energy crops), municipal solid waste, and food processing waste. The grant applicant should propose the feedstocks to be studied including the methodology that will be used to collect, analyze, and present the data.

MBEP plans to award one grant for up to \$120,000. The State expects to issue grant agreements with a 10% 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. There is no minimum project cost and the project must be completed within 9 months of award.

Project assistance funds come from a Department of Energy (DOE) "State Energy Program" (SEP) Grant. DOE restricts these funds to certain uses. As such, computer hardware and software can not be funded under this project.

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 David Binkley by email at binkleyd@michigan.gov, or by fax at (517) 241-6229, or by mail to:

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