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MDA Energy and Stimulus Divisions to Host Free Webinar June 15 for Renewable Energy Grant Program

Tomorrow, June 15, at 10 a.m., MDA's Energy and Stimulus Divisions will host a free webinar to provide information on Round Two of the Market Transformation and Technology Renewable Energy Grant Program, a program funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Administrators of for-profit and non-profit organizations, institutions of higher learning, community and junior colleges, public school districts, state entities and local units of government are encouraged to participate.

Speakers for the webinar will be Motice Bruce, director of MDA's Energy Division, and Manning McPhillips, director of MDA's Stimulus Division. Bruce and McPhillips will discuss the program and the application process and will conclude the webinar with a short question-and-answer session.

In Round Two of the Renewable Energy Grant Program, approximately \$3.5 million will be awarded for projects which supplant the use of fossil fuels with systems that use electrical or thermal energy generated from solar, wind, biomass, hydrogen fuel cells, geothermal, waste heat recovery, Combined Heat and Power (CHP) or hydro power. Applicants for the program must read the funding opportunity announcement (FOA) and fill out the application, which can be found by visiting [the FOAs page](#) on the MDA website.

Those interested in participating in this free event should register

online at www.mississippi.org/webinars. For more information, contact Charisse Moore in MDA's Stimulus Division at (601) 359-2351 or cmoore@mississippi.org.

State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program Funds Nearly All Reserved; Mississippians Interested in Program Encouraged to Act Quickly

The State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (SEEARP), a first-come, first-served rebate program encouraging Mississippians to replace energy inefficient appliances with new ENERGY STAR®-qualified appliances, kicked off in Mississippi on April 22. Nearly all of the \$2.8 million allocated to the State of Mississippi to administer the program have been reserved for rebates, and Mississippi residents interested in participating in the SEEARP are encouraged to act quickly to purchase their eligible appliances and reserve a rebate while funds remain.

According to Karen Bishop, MDA Stimulus Division bureau manager, the program has generated a substantial amount of interest throughout the state, and anyone interested in taking part in the program should do so soon, as the remaining funds will not last long.

The SEEARP, which is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), offers rebates ranging from \$50 to \$750, depending on the type of appliance purchased. The amount of available rebate funds, as well as a list of SEEARP-eligible appliances, can be found by visiting www.MississippiRebate.com. The remaining funds will be updated automatically on the website as applications are processed. Interested parties can also call 1-800-304-4451 to check the status of the remaining funds. The SEEARP will conclude once all program funds have been expended.

DreamWorks Studios Announces Casting Call for Extras for Major Motion Picture "The Help"; Filming to Begin Mid-July in Greenwood

Officials from DreamWorks Studios have announced an open casting call for anyone interested in a role as an extra in the major motion picture "The Help," which will be filmed in and around Greenwood beginning in mid-July. "The Help" is based on a best-selling novel of the same name by Mississippi native Kathryn Stockett and is set in Jackson in the mid-1960s.

DreamWorks is looking for men and women of all ages to serve as non-speaking background actors/extras. No experience is necessary. The casting call will be held on **Saturday, June 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Leflore County Civic Center, 200 Hwy. 7 South, Greenwood, MS, 38930.**

Anyone interested in participating must bring a recent snapshot of themselves, no larger than 4" x 6", and a pen (the photo is non-returnable). Those who fail to bring a photograph will not be considered for a part as an extra in the film.

The Mississippi Major Motion Picture Incentive Program, administered by MDA, was a major factor in bringing the project to the state. To learn more, please visit www.visitmississippi.org. To learn more about Kathryn Stockett and "The Help," please visit www.kathrynstockett.com.

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