



Multifamily Housing Notice 12-07

June 27, 2012

To: Developers, Sponsors and Local Housing Contacts

From: Patricia Rynn Sylvester, Director, Multifamily Housing

Re: ***MEEHA-EmPOWER -- Draft Program Documents for Public Comment***

DHCD is seeking comments to draft program documents for the Multifamily Energy Efficiency and Housing Affordability-EmPOWER (MEEHA-EmPOWER) Program. MEEHA-EmPOWER is a new energy efficiency funding program to be launched in July 2012. A total of \$12.5 million will be available under this program for qualified multifamily rental housing developments.

The purpose of MEEHA-EmPOWER Program is to promote energy efficiency and affordability in the State's multifamily rental housing developments for low and moderate income households. These improvements are intended to reduce a building's energy use and lower utility bills for occupants.

Under this program, DHCD will provide MEEHA-EmPOWER loans and grants for the purchase and installation of energy efficiency improvements in affordable multifamily rental housing developments. The program is being undertaken as part of the State's efforts to: 1) promote energy efficiency and renewable energy sources; and 2) create and preserve affordable rental housing opportunities.

The Department is very interested in receiving comments to the attached draft program documents to ensure that MEEHA-EmPOWER is designed and implemented in a manner that recognizes the experience of the multifamily development community. The documents attached to this Notice are as follows:

Program Description

<http://mdhousing.org/Website/programs/rhf/Documents/MEEHA-EmPOWER-ProgramDescription.doc>

Map of Utility Service Territories

<http://mdhousing.org/Website/programs/rhf/Documents/EmpowerMap.pub>

Application Form for "Non-Pipeline" Projects

<http://mdhousing.org/Website/programs/rhf/Documents/MEEHA-EmPOWER-Application.doc>

Energy Audit Requirements

<http://mdhousing.org/Website/programs/rhf/Documents/MDHCD-MultifamilyEnergyAuditRequirements--June2012.doc>

Energy Audit Summary Table

<http://mdhousing.org/Website/programs/rhf/Documents/MultifamilyEnergyAudit--SummaryTableofProposedECMs.xls>

Supplemental Requisition Form

<http://mdhousing.org/Website/programs/rhf/Documents/MEEHA-EmPOWER--SupplementalRequisitionForm.doc>

Final Report Form

<http://mdhousing.org/Website/programs/rhf/Documents/MEEHA-EmPOWER--FinalReport.doc>

Tenant Energy Usage Release Consent Form

<http://mdhousing.org/Website/programs/rhf/Documents/CustomerEnergyUsageReleaseForm.pdf>

Please submit any comments by email to Danielle England (England@mdhousing.org) by no later than Friday, July 13, 2012.

Thank you.

Please remember that we are announcing future round deadlines, significant application changes, bond program amendments, and other key dates and facts on our web site and by email only. Please make sure that we have your current email address. Please send any additions or corrections to rentalhousing@mdhousing.org as soon as possible.

Notices are posted to the DHCD website at the following locations:
<http://mdhousing.org/Website/programs/rhf/Default.aspx#Notices>
<http://mdhousing.org/Website/programs/lihtc/Default.aspx>

Thank you for your interest and participation in the multifamily housing programs in Maryland.

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