

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATERIALS CONSERVATION  
GRANT PROGRAM**

***FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT***

**BY THE  
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**



**WITH FUNDING THROUGH THE  
AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009  
ENERGY EFFICIENCY & CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT  
PROGRAM**



**Issue Date: June 9, 2010  
Applications Due: 3:00 p.m., Friday, August 13, 2010  
(FOA No. MDEQ-08132010)**

TO: Prospective Applicants

FROM: Trudy D. Fisher, Executive Director

SUBJECT: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)  
Local Government Materials Conservation Grant Program  
Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

## I. INTRODUCTION

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) was authorized in Title V, Subtitle E of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA) and signed into Public Law (PL 110-140) on December 19, 2007. EECBG was funded for the first time under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA or the Recovery Act).

Under EECBG, the State of Mississippi received a formula allocation of \$16.9 million from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), with \$7.3 million of these funds going directly to the state's ten largest cities, ten largest counties, and one tribal government (see Attachment A). The remaining \$9.6 million was allocated to the Mississippi Development Authority – Energy Division for projects that fulfill the EECBG program goals.

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) has received EECBG funding in the amount of \$600,000 from the Mississippi Development Authority. These funds will be made available in the form of grants to eligible local governments (Applicants) to fund certain costs associated with local materials conservation and recycling efforts. These costs may include: recycling program costs including equipment purchases such as balers, recycling bins, recycling trailers, or educational and public information materials to increase awareness in energy conservation and other benefits of recycling and waste reduction efforts and for educational materials and efforts that will encourage or promote the purchase of products manufactured from recycled materials.

Other supporting project costs may be approved by the MDEQ for the purposes of this grant program consistent with the conditions of this FOA. This is a competitive grant program and not all Applicants may be approved for funding. MDEQ reserves the right to negotiate available funding under this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA No. MDEQ-08132010) with approved Applicants and to reject or accept any or all applications submitted. The final decision to award funding rests solely with the MDEQ.

NOTE: Projects may not begin prior to the full execution of a grant agreement with the MDEQ.

**Completed applications for funding involving the activities described herein for the Material Conservation Grants will be received by the MDEQ at 515 E. Amite Street, Jackson MS 39201 or by mail to P.O. Box 2261, Jackson, MS 39225-2261 until Friday, August 13, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. No applications received after this deadline will be considered for funding.**

## **A. Eligible Applicants**

Funding assistance is available to local government Applicants which meet the following conditions:

1. The government is located within the State of Mississippi;
2. The government is included in the latest available Census of Governments as a currently incorporated government;
3. The government has a governance structure with an elected official and governing body;
4. The government has the authority to implement the eligible activities under this sub-grant program; and
5. The government is not one of the 10 highest populated cities or counties of the state of Mississippi and is thus not eligible for a direct formula grant from the DOE under the EECBG program.

## **B. Funding Availability**

Eligible local governments may apply for grant funding awards of up to **\$100,000**. Leveraging of funds is not required but is encouraged where possible to maximize the total additional energy, economic, and environmental benefits resulting from the program.

The minimum grant award under this program is **\$40,000**.

## **C. Eligible Project Costs**

The MDEQ may consider applications for funding certain costs associated with the proposed project. Eligible project costs may include:

1. Equipment purchasing and installation costs such as balers, recycling bins, recycling trailers and other equipment which will aid in the recycling or reduction of solid wastes (Note: Costs to construct, modify, or renovate structures to install equipment is not an allowable expenditure under the EECBG Materials Conservation Grants).
2. Educational and public information materials and initiatives that will increase awareness of the benefits of recycling and waste reduction and that will instruct persons on how to participate in local programs;
3. Educational materials and efforts that will encourage or promote the purchase of products manufactured from recycled materials; and

4. Administration of the grant. These administrative costs should be included in the overall grant award figure (up to \$100,000) and should not exceed 3% of the total grant requested.

#### **D. Prohibited Expenditures**

State and Federal regulations and requirements for the Material Conservation Grants will not allow expenditures or matching funds for the following activities or projects:

1. Purchase of land, a building or structure or any interest therein;
2. Funding of construction activities or projects;
3. Research, development or demonstration of renewable energy techniques or advanced vehicle technologies not commercially available;
4. Supplanting of state or local funds already committed to projects; or
5. Projects that began or were completed prior to the grant award date. The Applicant may not begin work on the proposed project until such time that a grant agreement has been fully executed by the MDEQ.

#### **E. Period of Performance**

The period of performance will begin upon the execution of a grant agreement and must end on or before October 31, 2011, unless otherwise approved by MDEQ. Grant expenditures should not exceed that the approved award amount that is negotiated between the Applicant and the MDEQ.

#### **F. Method of Payment**

Payments shall be made on a cost-reimbursement basis over the course of the grant. Only the cost of actual charges incurred and paid by the Applicant will be reimbursed by MDEQ. No payments will be made by MDEQ to the Applicant's sub-recipients, vendors, or project administrators. Requests for Payment may be submitted to the MDEQ as costs are incurred and must include supporting documentation.

#### **G. Jobs Created/Retained**

The Applicant must furnish the estimated number of jobs created and jobs retained due to ARRA funding, along with verifiable supporting documentation, to MDEQ. Indirect and induced jobs cannot be counted. **Please adhere to these definitions when arriving at the estimates:**

- A job created is a new position created and filled, or an existing unfilled position that is filled, that is funded by the Recovery Act.
- A job retained is an existing position that is now funded, in whole or in part, by the Recovery Act.

## **H. National Environmental Policy Act**

All projects funded under ARRA are potentially subject to environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). However, projects that comply with the provisions of this FOA (FOA No. DEQ-08132010) will most likely be deemed categorically excluded from further NEPA review, meaning that the implementation of these eligible activities is unlikely to have a harmful environmental impact. It is the intent of MDEQ to only fund projects under this FOA that have been categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

All applicants for funding should review the provisions of this FOA for eligible activities and limitations to ensure that any proposed project complies with the FOA guidelines and remains categorically excluded. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that projects funded with ARRA funds do not conflict with NEPA regulations.

## **I. Historical Preservation Requirements**

As required by federal regulations and Mississippi law, Applicants must complete a Request for Cultural Resources Assessment and return it with their application to ensure that no sites or buildings of historical significance are harmed or damaged by work performed under this program (see Attachment D). The MDEQ will submit all finalists' Request for Cultural Resources Assessment forms to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History (MDAH) for clearance. **The MDEQ will only fund projects under this FOA that have been cleared by MDAH.**

## **J. Davis-Bacon Act**

Laborers and mechanics employed on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Federal Government pursuant to ARRA shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with Subchapter IV of Chapter 31 of Title 40, United States Code. This includes laborers or mechanics employed by the Applicant who will perform work on the project as part of the Applicant's match contribution. The Davis Bacon Act, Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act, and Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act will apply to the complete project assisted under this program.

## **K. Buy American Act**

Section 1605 of the ARRA requires the use of American-made steel, iron, and manufactured goods for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of public buildings or public works. Awardees will be required to comply with this provision.

## **L. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)**

Recipients of federal funds must use administrative and financial policies and procedures that follow Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Applicants that receive funding will be required to demonstrate effective control over and accountability for all grants, property, and assets acquired under this award. This includes financial policies and procedures that ensure that receipts and disbursements can be tracked in a way that serves as an effective control in preventing mistakes and safeguarding against unauthorized uses. In addition, Applicants that receive funding will be required to have in place administrative and management policies that ensure that all reporting and accountability requirements associated with these funds can be followed.

## **M. Standards and Regulations**

All proposed activities must meet DOE and MDEQ standards and regulations listed in this FOA, and requirements listed in the ARRA compliance attachments accompanying this FOA, as well as other applicable state and local requirements. MDEQ will review all applications to ensure that they are in compliance. If approved for an award, MDEQ will develop and execute a formal grant agreement with the Applicant prior to the implementation of the project. The ultimate responsibility for adherence to the grant agreement, ARRA regulations, and all other applicable state and federal laws and regulations lies solely with the city or county awarded funds. The city or county awarded funds will bear all responsibility for ARRA reporting requirements throughout the grant period.

## **N. FOA Questions**

Questions concerning this FOA must be submitted in writing to: Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Attn: Luis Murillo or Denise Wilson, Solid Waste Grants Program, ARRA EECBG FOA No. MDEQ-08132010, 515 East Amite Street, Jackson, MS 39201, via fax to (601) 961-5785 (Attn: Luis Murillo or Denise Wilson) or via email to [Luis\\_Murillo@deq.state.ms.us](mailto:Luis_Murillo@deq.state.ms.us) or [Denise\\_Wilson@deq.state.ms.us](mailto:Denise_Wilson@deq.state.ms.us)

Questions will be received through July 30, 2010, at 5:00 P.M. Central Standard Time. No questions received after this date will be answered. Applicants are cautioned that any statements made by the contact person that materially change any portion of this FOA shall not be relied upon unless subsequently ratified by a formal written amendment to this FOA.

## **O. Acknowledgement of Amendments**

MDEQ will provide written notice of all changes to this FOA in the form of an amendment to this FOA prior to response deadlines. Amendments will be provided to all known Applicant parties and posted on MDEQ's Solid Waste web page. To access this information go to the following web site <http://www.deq.state.ms.us/solidwaste>. Applicants shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this FOA by signing and returning the amendment with the application. The acknowledgement must be received by MDEQ by the time and at the place specified for receipt of applications.

## II. APPLICATION CONTENTS

The MDEQ will accept completed applications submitted by **3:00 p.m., August 13, 2010.** Applications must be submitted on forms provided by the MDEQ and shall contain the following items:

1. Applicant shall provide a completed grant application form as provided by the MDEQ (See Attachment A) together with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Submission Form (See Attachment B);
2. Applicant shall provide a detailed narrative description of the proposed recycling project/program and a detailed timeline for implementation of the project/program;
3. Applicant shall provide a detailed budget of the proposed project/program and a description of any other proposed matching fund contributed to the project through other grants or other funds provided by the grant Applicant;
4. Applicant shall provide a narrative discussion on how the project is expected to result in increased energy efficiency;
5. Applicant shall provide a detailed discussion on the ability of the project to satisfy the preference factors described below (Section III, Application Review and Selection Process).
6. Applicant shall provide acknowledgement that the project/program will follow all applicable MDEQ and ARRA requirements (see Attachment C, MDEQ/ARRA Certification).
7. Applicant shall provide information related to possible impacts of proposed projects on sites or land of historical significance (see Attachment D, Request for Cultural Resources Assessment).
8. Applicant shall provide funding commitment letter from all other project funding sources, if applicable.

## III. APPLICATION SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS

The original and 3 copies of the application and all attachments shall be signed and submitted in a sealed envelope to: Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Attn: Solid Waste Policy, Planning and Grants Branch, FOA No. MDEQ-08132010, P.O. Box 2261 Jackson, MS 39225-2261 or 515 E. Amite Street, Jackson, MS 39201. **Timely submission of the application is the responsibility of the Applicant. Applications must be received no later than, Friday, August 13, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. No applications received after this deadline will be considered for funding. Applications received after the specified time shall be rejected and returned to the Applicant unopened.**

#### **IV. APPLICATION REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS**

##### **Evaluation Criteria**

MDEQ staff will review completed grant applications and evaluate and rank completed grant applications with the preference for approval based on the following factors:

1. The project will result in new or expanded recycling services to an area that is currently underserved for recycling services (maximum 20 points);
2. The project will result in increased recycling rates or volumes in an area that currently has recycling services (maximum 20 points);
3. The project will result in greater energy savings over other project proposals (maximum 20 points);
4. The project funds requested will be used as leverage or match for additional funds from other funding sources (maximum 10 points);
5. The project will be able to be developed and implemented in an expeditious manner upon receipt of the award (maximum 10 points);
6. The project is self sustaining and/or proposes a long term commitment of staff and funding by the Applicant rather than for just the proposed grant period (maximum 10 points);
7. The project demonstrates that the proposed work can begin within 90 days of the grant award. (maximum 5 points);
8. The project is deemed as providing a creative or innovative approach to recycling or waste reduction (maximum 5 points).

Applicants will receive written notice from MDEQ of the results of the review of the grant application whether approved or disapproved by the MDEQ.

#### **V. DISAPPROVAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The MDEQ reserves the right to refuse to approve a grant application for any reason. Reasons may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. The application is not received by the deadline;
2. The MDEQ determines that the Applicant has failed to provide a complete application as per section II;

3. The MDEQ determines that the project is not consistent with these guidelines, or with any condition of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant requirements;
4. The Applicant is in violation of or delinquent on any condition of a previously awarded grant by the MDEQ or any other state or federal agency;
5. The MDEQ determines that the Applicant has proposed expenditures for grant project activities or components that are unnecessary or that exceed the expected usual and customary costs for such activities or components; or
6. The MDEQ ranks the application and project proposal lower than other proposals, based on the preference factors described in Section III above.

## **VI. CONDITIONS OF GRANT AWARD**

If approved for an award, MDEQ will develop and execute a formal grant agreement with the grantee prior to the implementation of the project. The grant agreement will include the following conditions at a minimum (but may also include project specific conditions):

1. The grantee shall comply with all applicable procurement and purchasing regulations established pursuant to state and federal laws.
2. Grant awards shall be limited to eligible project or program costs as described herein in Section I.C.
3. The grant funds shall be distributed to the grantee for eligible project costs, upon receipt by the MDEQ of a complete Request-For-Payment form with the appropriate supporting documentation. If a grant award includes the contribution of matching funds to the project by the grantee, these grant funds should be expended proportionally to the expenditure of the matching funds provided by the grantee.
4. Grantees will be required to register with the Dun & Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) and the Central Contracting Registration (CCR). These registrations are not required during the application process.
5. The grantee may be required to demonstrate compliance with the applicable requirements listed in Part I of this FOA.
6. The grantee shall submit a monthly report on forms provided by MDEQ during the project period and for one year following the completion of the project, indicating progress to date including information as may be applicable to the project which would indicate the following:

- a). The amount of recyclables (itemized by commodity) collected as a result of the project and the savings or disposal cost reduction achieved by recycling the materials as opposed to landfill disposal or incineration of the materials.
- b). The economic impacts of the project including, not limited to, the following: the number of jobs created from the project, the amount of revenues generated from the sale of recyclables, the amount of tax revenue generated from the project, or any other economic indicators which may confirm the success of the project.
- c). The energy savings/reduction achieved as a result of the project and the estimated reduction in Green House Gas (GHG) emissions as calculated by using MDEQ approved methods; and
- d). Other measurable reporting factors specific to the project which may document the overall success of the project.

## **VII. MINIMUM EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF APPLICATIONS**

Applications are required to remain in effect for at least 3 months from the date submitted to MDEQ. All applications become the property of MDEQ.

## **VIII. FOA DOES NOT CONSTITUTE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION**

The release of this FOA does not constitute an acceptance of any application, nor does such release in any way obligate MDEQ to award funds. Additionally, the submittal of an application does not constitute an award. MDEQ reserves the rights to accept, reject, or negotiate any or all applications. The final decision to award funds to any party rests solely with MDEQ.

## **IX. EXCEPTIONS AND DEVIATIONS**

Applicants taking exceptions to any part or section of the solicitation shall indicate such exceptions on the application and shall fully describe the exception. Failure to indicate any exception will be interpreted as the Applicant's intent to comply fully with the requirements as written. Conditional applications, unless specifically allowed, shall be subject to rejection in whole or in part.

## **X. NON-CONFORMING TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

An application that includes terms and conditions that do not conform to the terms and conditions in the FOA is subject to rejection as non-responsive. MDEQ reserves the right to permit the Applicant to withdraw nonconforming terms and conditions from its application prior to a determination by MDEQ of non-responsiveness based on the submission of non-conforming terms and conditions.

## **XI. EXPENSES INCURRED IN PREPARING APPLICATIONS**

MDEQ accepts no responsibility for any expense incurred by the Applicant in the preparation and presentation of an application. Such expenses shall be borne exclusively by the Applicant.

## **XII. CONTACT INFORMATION**

Questions regarding this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA No. MDEQ-08132010) may be submitted to Mr. Luis Murillo or Ms. Denise Wilson with the MDEQ.

### **By Telephone:**

Mr. Luis Murillo/Ms. Denise Wilson: 601-961-5171

### **By Fax:**

Attn: Mr. Luis Murillo/Ms. Denise Wilson: 601-961-5785

### **By Email:**

Luis\_Murillo@deq.state.ms.us or Denise\_Wilson@deq.state.ms.us

### **By Mail:**

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality  
Attn: Mr. Luis Murillo/Ms. Denise Wilson  
P.O. Box 2261  
Jackson, MS 39225-2261

### **By Delivery:**

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality  
Attn: Mr. Luis Murillo/Ms. Denise Wilson  
515 E. Amite Street  
Jackson, MS 39201

**ATTACHMENT A**

Cities and Counties Receiving Direct Formula Allocations from DOE

\*\*These entities are NOT eligible for funding under this FOA\*\*

Biloxi	\$209,100
Clinton	\$106,900
Greenville	\$155,500
Gulfport	\$666,000
Hattiesburg	\$536,400
Jackson	\$1,789,300
Meridian	\$182,400
Olive Branch	\$128,200
Southaven	\$174,200
Tupelo	\$181,200
DeSoto County	\$297,500
Harrison County	\$262,300
Hinds County	\$188,200
Jackson County	\$549,300
Jones County	\$293,000
Lowndes County	\$256,500
Madison County	\$380,100
Pearl River County	\$234,700
Rankin County	\$577,500
Warren County	\$212,800

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**  
**GRANT APPLICATION FORM**  
**ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANTS (EECBG)**  
**FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATERIALS CONSERVATION PROJECTS**

1. Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

3. Telephone No. of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

4. Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

5. Address of Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

6. Telephone No. of Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

7. Email Address of Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

8. Federal Employee Identification Number \_\_\_\_\_

9. Descriptive Title of Project/Program \_\_\_\_\_

10. List all political subdivisions which the project/program will serve and the total population of each. (e.g. counties, cities, etc ):

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Is the Applicant in violation of or delinquent on, any condition of a previously awarded grant or loan from the MDEQ or a Federal agency? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no (If yes, please attach an explanation)

12. Certification

To the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information provided in this application (including attachments) is true, accurate, and correct. I further certify that I possess the authority to apply for this grant on behalf of the Applicant.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of authorized representative (Please type or print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of authorized representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of authorized representative (Please type or print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**  
**GRANT APPLICATION FORM**  
**ENERGY EFFICIENCY CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANTS (EECBG)**  
**FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATERIALS CONSERVATION PROJECTS**

1. Please confirm in writing that the Applicant meets each of the eligibility requirements in Part I.A of this MDEQ FOA.
2. Please indicate the total amount of grant funds requested: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
3. Please provide a detailed narrative description of the proposed materials conservation project including the goals and anticipated outcome of the proposed materials conservation project.
4. Please attach a detailed budget for the proposed project/program and a description of any other proposed matching funds contributed to the project through other grants or other funds contributed by the grant Applicant.
5. Please provide a narrative discussion on how the project is expected to result in increased energy efficiency.
6. Please provide a narrative discussion on how the project is expected to be sustained after implementation.
7. Please provide a detailed discussion on the ability of the project to satisfy the preference factors described in Part III of this MDEQ FOA.

**Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality**  
**Solid Waste Policy, Planning & Grants Branch**  
**P. O. Box 2261, Jackson, MS 39225**  
**Phone: 601-961-5171/Fax: 601-961-5785**

**ATTACHMENT C**

**MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT  
AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT  
SUBMISSION FORM**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: It is the Applicant's responsibility to provide adequate information in their application package to enable MDEQ to ensure that the application meets the required criteria. Items listed in the package shall be in the same order as listed in the specifications. Failure to do so could result in the rejection of the proposal.**

**EMPLOYEES NOT TO BENEFIT**

I (we) hereby certify that if the grant is awarded, that no employee of MDEQ, or members of his/her family, including spouse, parents, or children has received or been promised, directly or indirectly, any financial benefit, by way of fee, commission, finder's fee, political contribution or any similar form of remuneration on account of the act of awarding and/or executing this agreement.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

The Applicant [ ] is [ ] is not aware (mark one box) of any information bearing on the existence of any potential organization conflict of interest.

**COLLUSION**

I certify that this offer is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting an offer for the same services, materials, supplies, or equipment and without collusion or fraud. I understand collusive bidding is a violation of State and Federal laws and can result in fines, prison sentences, and civil damage awards.

I hereby certify that the responses to the above representations, certifications, and other statements are accurate and complete. I agree to abide by all conditions of the application and certify that I am authorized to sign on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_.

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Signature

Date

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Name (Printed)

Title

**ATTACHMENT D**

**MDEQ-ARRA CERTIFICATION**

To the best of my knowledge and belief, all data contained in this application is true and correct. By signing this document I certify on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_, that all requirements of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA No. MDEQ-08132010), Application Procedures, and Requirements for the MDEQ's Local Government Materials Conservation Grant Program in accordance with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 are and will be followed. This certifies that I possess legal authority to sign and apply for the grant. This certifies that if this application is chosen for funding that I understand that the program requirements may/will change as federal and state guidelines come forth, and that \_\_\_\_\_ will follow all guidelines including reporting, financial management and tracking requirements to the degree necessary to carry out the intended use of these funds. I certify that should \_\_\_\_\_ receive funds through this grant program, \_\_\_\_\_ will carry out all of the following requirements and restrictions: State of Mississippi rules and regulations, Department of Energy-NETL rules and regulations; Certified lobbying, Debarment, Suspensions and other Responsibility matters; Drug Free Workplace; National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); Nondiscriminatory Practices and applicable Labor Laws; MS Employment Protection Act; Buy America; Wage Rate/Davis-Bacon Act; all Office of Management and Budget Requirements (OMB Circular A-133, OMB Circular A-122, 2CFR 215.21, OMB Circular A-102, 2CFR176-10, and 48CFR 31.2); and protect whistleblowers and prompt referral to an appropriate inspector general.

I certify that I understand that this is only an application and in no way does this constitute a contract with the MDEQ. If funded, \_\_\_\_\_ will remain fully obligated under the provisions of this award until such time that the project has been completed and fully closed out to the satisfaction of the MDEQ. I further certify that if projections of job creation and or/retention or energy savings specified in this application are not met, \_\_\_\_\_ may be required to pay back the grant amount, subject to the provisions of the Grant Agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Local Government Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**ATTACHMENT E**

**REQUEST FOR CULTURAL RESOURCES ASSESMENT**

Forwarding of this completed form to the Mississippi State Historic Preservation Office constitutes a request for Cultural Resources Assessment in accordance with 36 CFR 800. This assessment is required for all projects which are funded, assisted, or licensed by a Federal Agency.

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

County of project: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person's address, if different from Applicant

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal agency involved: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of involvement: permit \_\_\_ grant \_\_\_ loan \_\_\_ other \_\_\_

Signature of Applicant or contact person requesting this assessment:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**1. Project Description and Location** (if structure is involved, provide physical address)

If the program involves more than one project, complete separate assessment for each. If a more detailed description of the proposed project is applicable, please attach separate sheet.

- Has the identical project been previously submitted for a Cultural resources assessment? If YES, enclose copy of State Historic Preservation Officer's comments, if available. Yes  No
- Attach a **7.5' USGS quadrangle map**, or portion thereof, indicating the precise location and/or boundaries of the project area and the acreage involved. Please include the name of the quad map, if not otherwise indicated.



- Will this project necessitate the acquisition of fill material? Yes  No   
If YES, approximately how many cubic yards of material will be acquired? Cubic Yards: \_\_\_\_\_

- Has the site from which fill material will be acquired been selected? Yes  No

Clearly indicate borrow area(s) on project map and give approximate size in acres for each borrow site.

- Has material been taken from the borrow area(s) for other projects? Yes  No

- Does this project involve road/street construction? Yes  No   
If YES, does the project involve any of the following?

- New right-of-way
- New road construction
- Repaving
- Widening/change of alignment

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**Interested Applicants should return this completed “Request for Cultural Resource Assessment form,” along with a complete application form (Attachment B), to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality.**