

STATE ENERGY EFFICIENT APPLIANCE REBATE PROGRAM

RFP# EN-02172010

See below questions received by MDA-ED since January 25, 2010:

1. QUESTION

Our company has years of experience in administering a variety of rebate programs, from simple to complex, small to large. However, we do not normally engage in program marketing and promotion activities as specified in the RFP. Would the state consider a proposal that addresses the processing of rebate redemptions without the marketing piece?

ANSWER

The marketing and promotion of the State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program is an essential part of the overall State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program. As such, any response to RFP #EN-02172010 that does not include a marketing and promotion plan will be considered nonresponsive and will not be accepted.

2. QUESTION

1. With respect to the filling of the fidelity bond of \$1million and the general liability insurance of \$1 million, can the MDA provide me an insurance company in MS who can give me a quotation of the how much is the premium?

ANSWER

MDA will not provide a list of insurance companies who can fulfill the required fidelity bond. This is the responsibility of the Proposer.

QUESTION

2. With respect to the contractor- can a single contractor- meaning an individual participate in this rebate proposal?

ANSWER

All proposers who meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the RFP are welcome to submit a proposal. As stated on page 2 of the FOA under "Eligible Proposers": "Eligible Proposers under this RFP include professional management companies with the capacity to handle a large-scale, statewide rebate program which will rebate multiple products with different dollar amounts associated with each product." Additionally, all proposers must provide information regarding

previous experience in providing similar services to must have the expertise in-house to manage SEEARP (see page 7, section A.1.C).

QUESTION

3. I was going over the terms/conditions- does the business have to be licensed in MS? in my case I am an energy program analyst here in CA - because the propose rebate program in MS can be implemented in MS, even if the office is outside of MS - subject to compliance with the monitoring required by MS and DOE with respect to the disbursements procedures and other legalities mandated by the program.

ANSWER

The professional rebate management company selected does not have to be located in the State of Mississippi, although as stated on page 18 of the RFP, Section 17, “The Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi, excluding its conflicts of laws, provisions, and any litigation with respect thereto shall be brought in the course of the State. The Contractor shall comply with applicable federal, State, and local laws and regulations.”

QUESTION

4. With respect to the vendors- does the vendor has to be accredited by MS?

ANSWER

As stated on page 12 of the RFP under “Debarment”, “By submitting a proposal, the Proposer certifies that it is not a person or entity currently debarred from submitting proposals for contracts issued by any political subdivision or agency of the State of Mississippi or the federal government”. Prior to award, MDA-ED will determine that the selected Proposer is not currently on a list of debarred contractors.

QUESTION

5. Does the consumer has to choice to buy the appliances outside of MS- where the appliances to be bought outside of MS meets the energy standards set by federal agency as well as the state of MS.

ANSWER

Each state has been awarded funds to offer an appliance rebate program; therefore, only products purchased in Mississippi will be eligible for rebates in Mississippi. Appliances purchased in other states may be eligible for rebates in that state, subject to that state’s rebate program terms and conditions.