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OER Announces Grant Funding Available for Wood Energy Projects

The Idaho Governor's Office of Energy Resources (OER) is pleased to announce the availability of project development grants for wood-to-energy projects. The Idaho Statewide Wood-to-Energy Team (ID-SWET) is accepting applications for financial assistance from organizations to explore the feasibility of heating and/or powering facilities with high-efficiency, low-emission, wood-fired systems. This program will further Idaho's goal to promote and identify cost-effective energy projects that will sustainably utilize wood and wood residues in a facility retrofit or new construction project.

Eligible applicants include all non-federal government entities (including State, municipal and tribal governments), schools, not-for-profit organizations and commercial enterprises in Idaho. Funds will be allocated statewide across both public and private sectors.

Financial assistance awards will not exceed \$12,000 per approved application. Larger projects will be considered, on a case-by-case basis, and may require financial participation by the applicant and/or other partner(s). Funds cannot be used for construction or equipment related purposes. Non-federal, non-obligated match contributions (cash or in-kind) are encouraged, but not required.

The application form and grant selection procedures can be downloaded from the ID-SWET web site at <http://energy.idaho.gov/renewableenergy/biomass.htm>. For more information, please visit energy.idaho.gov or contact the OER at (208) 332-1660.

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