

## **Environmental E-news**

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### **Clean Energy Advanced Manufacturing Grant Available**

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The State of Michigan recently announced a Clean Energy grant to assist small manufacturing companies, currently located in Michigan, to diversify into high-growth clean energy sectors and invest in advanced manufacturing of renewable energy systems and components (i.e. wind turbine systems, solar technology, bio-energy equipment, geothermal heating and cooling systems). A total of \$15,000,000.00 in funding is available through the State Energy Program Michigan Request. This grant program has a very short deadline. Applications must be submitted by August 14, 2009.

There are two grant areas: (1) projects which build or increase production capacity of renewable energy systems (i.e. wind turbine systems, solar technology, bio-energy equipment, geothermal heating and cooling systems); and (2) projects which build, or increase production capacity of manufacturing components of renewable energy systems such as turbines, blades, solar technology, bio-energy equipment, geothermal heating and cooling systems, etc.)

To qualify for the first grant area, applicants need to provide evidence of commitment from one or more potential customers of renewable energy system(s) to buy systems produced at the manufacturing facility and from suppliers. Recipients are expected use the grant money to build or increase production capacity of the renewable energy system within their existing constructed factory's footprint.

To qualify for the second grant area, applicants need to provide evidence of commitment from one or more renewable energy system manufacturers to buy components produced at the manufacturing facility. Applicants with partners, suppliers or customers with significant Michigan ties will get greater consideration. Further, applicants must identify major partners, suppliers or customers, with advantage shown to applicants with significant Michigan relationships.

Grant applicant companies must be located in Michigan with 500 or fewer full-time or equivalent employees. A business that relocates to Michigan by the time of the award is eligible to apply. The State anticipates that most awards will be for total project costs between \$2 million and \$5 million.

Preference will be given to projects that promote job creation, preservation and economic recovery, those that can be performed within 24 months, and those that demonstrate a 50% cost sharing of allowable project costs, that is, projects that have 50% funding from other non-governmental sources.

Butzel Long has a team of uniquely experienced professionals that can assist you in determining eligibility for and/or preparing an application for a Clean Energy Advanced Manufacturing ("CEAM") grant from the State of Michigan. Whether Butzel's involvement is as advisor, reviewer or principal drafter of your CEAM application, we will work with you to develop a cost effective arrangement that best suit your needs.

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