



## REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF INTEREST *for* WOOD-FIRED HEATING PROJECTS

December 17, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

The Alaska Wood Energy Development Task Group (AWEDTG)\* is seeking a Statement of Interest from eligible parties that would like to explore the feasibility of heating eligible facilities with high-efficiency, low-emission, wood-fired systems.

The goal of this Request for Statement of Interest is to identify cost-effective heating projects that will displace fossil fuels with wood and/or wood residues. The information from the Statements of Interest will be used to rank projects and determine which ones may receive further consideration.

Eligible parties are local governments (either municipal or tribal), State of Alaska agencies, federal agencies including U.S military installations, public housing authorities, boroughs and other governmental subdivisions, not-for-profit organizations, and certificated electrical utilities. The Task Group is seeking new applicants who have not applied for feasibility assistance through this process in the past.

At this time, the Task Group is accepting Statements of Interest for projects that displace fossil fuels through direct combustion of wood (logs, chunks, chips, bark, sawdust, etc.) for heating applications in schools, other public facilities/buildings, and buildings owned and operated by not-for-profit organizations. The Task Group will fund a number of preliminary feasibility assessments and, depending on available funds, seek funding for and assist in financing the construction of several demonstration projects.

*\*The Alaska Wood Energy Development Task Group consists of a coalition of federal and state agencies and other not-for-profit organizations that have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to explore opportunities to increase the utilization of wood for energy and biofuels production in Alaska. These organizations include: the Alaska Energy Authority; Alaska Village Initiatives; Denali Commission; Juneau Economic Development Council; National Renewable Energy Lab; State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry; USDA Forest Service, Alaska Region & Pacific Northwest Research Station; USDA Farm Services Agency; USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service; USDA Rural Development, Alaska; USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs, Alaska; USDI Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Alaska State Office; and the University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service*

The Task Group will evaluate Statements of Interest and recommend projects to be considered for further study. Applicants may be contacted directly and asked to provide additional project information prior to final selection.

It is preferred that interested parties submit their application electronically, although paper copies will be accepted. Electronic copies of the form can be downloaded from the Alaska Energy Authority web site at <http://www.aidea.org/aea> or the Juneau Economic Development Council web site at [www.jedc.org/wood](http://www.jedc.org/wood). Electronic applications can be e-mailed to Dan Parrent at [dparrent@ptialaska.net](mailto:dparrent@ptialaska.net). Please do not email copies of this cover letter! Paper applications should be sent to:

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**Statements of Interest must be received by close of business on:  
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2008**

If you have any questions, contact Dan Parrent at (907) 747-5688.

**Other Alternative Energy Funding Opportunities:**

**Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) / Denali Commission**

**Program Name/Focus:** Alaska Alternative Energy Project RFP. Grants and loans for construction projects or preconstruction activities developing biomass, hydro, wind, geothermal, and other alternative energy sources.

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**\*Application Deadline: Tuesday, February 12, 2008**

**USDA Rural Development**

**Program Name and Focus:** Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements Program (Section 9006). Provides loan guarantees and grants to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to purchase and install renewable energy systems (including biomass) and make energy efficiency improvements.

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