



September 30, 2013

Dear Community Leader:

The Alaska Wood Energy Development Task Group (AWEDTG)* is accepting a **Statement of Interest** for a PRE-feasibility assessment from organizations that would like to explore the feasibility of heating facilities with high-efficiency, low-emission, wood-fired systems. The goal of this request is to identify cost-effective heating projects that will displace fossil fuels with sustainable 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 Applicants include all non-federal government entities (including State, municipal and tribal governments), schools, not-for-profit organizations and commercial enterprises in Alaska. Federal facilities may be considered for inclusion as part of a district energy system if applied for by an eligible applicant. Eligible projects are those that displace more than 5000 gallons of heating fuel annually, or spend more than \$25,000 per building annually for heat. The value of any individual prefeasibility assessment will not exceed \$15,000. Larger projects will be considered on a case-by-case basis and may require financial participation by the applicant and/or other partner(s). It is intended that funds will be allocated across both public and private sectors, and distributed geographically throughout the State.

At this time, the AWEDTG is accepting Statements of Interest for projects that will displace fossil fuels through direct combustion of wood (logs, chunks, chips, bark, sawdust, pellets, etc.) for heating applications. The period for application shall be year-round, and applications may be submitted at any time. The selection committee will meet twice a year to review applications that have been submitted. Generally the committee will meet in the Spring and the Fall. The AWEDTG will evaluate the Statements of Interest and select projects to be considered for a **pre-feasibility assessment**. Applicants may be contacted directly and asked to provide additional project information prior to final selection.

It is preferred that organizations 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.akenergyauthority.org/biomasswoodenergygrants.html> . Electronic applications can be e-mailed to Karen Petersen at khpetersen@alaska.edu. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Petersen at (907) 821-2681. Paper applications should be sent to:

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Applications received AFTER November 4th, 2013 will not be scored or ranked until Spring 2014

**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 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; National Renewable Energy Lab; State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, State of Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Division, Division of Economic Development; USDOC Economic Development Administration; USDA Forest Service, Alaska Region & Pacific Northwest Research Station; The Nature Conservancy; Tanana Chiefs Conference; USDA Farm Service Agency, Alaska; USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service; USDA Rural Development, Alaska; USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs, Alaska; USDI Bureau of Land Management, Alaska; Southeast Conference, and the University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension Service.*