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Virginia Energy Accepting Proposals for Home Energy Rebate Programs Implementation Partner

Rebates expected to be available to the public in early 2025

Richmond, VA- The Virginia Department of Energy (Virginia Energy) is preparing to receive funding for Home Energy Rebate programs created through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). The agency issued a <u>Request for Proposal</u> (RFP) and is searching for a partner to assist in applying for the federal funding and eventually implementing the program.

"Keeping energy affordable is a major initiative in Virginia," **said Virginia Energy Director Glenn Davis**. "Residents that take advantage of these rebates in 2025 will certainly see lower energy costs and we are excited to find the right partner for these programs."

Those interested in working with Virginia Energy can find the <u>RFP</u> on Virginia's electronic procurement system, eVA. An optional pre-proposal conference is scheduled for April 18, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. EST. This is a virtual meeting and details are included within the <u>RFP</u>. Proposals are due on May 21^{st} at 12:00 p.m. EST.

Two programs were created through the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act that will provide energy efficiency upgrade rebates. The Home Efficiency Rebates (HOMES) Program will provide rebates for whole-house energy savings retrofits. The Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEAR) Program will provide point-of-sale consumer discounts on the purchase of high-efficiency electric home appliances. Virginia is eligible for over \$188 million in funding for the programs. Rebates are not currently available to Virginia residents. All updates about the program will be made as received on the Virginia Energy <u>website</u>. Funding is expected to be available in early 2025 for residents wishing to make energy efficiency upgrades.