



Attn: Indiana Contractors

The Indiana Office of Energy Development (OED) is preparing to launch the Indiana Energy Saver Program (IESP). Nearly \$182 million in federal funding was allocated to the State of Indiana to assist residents in reducing energy costs through energy efficiency improvements and appliance upgrades offered by the Home Efficiency Rebate (HOMES) and Home Appliance Rebate (HEAR) programs.

The IESP is recruiting at least three firms to participate in the program as Regional General Contractors (RGCs) who will oversee Qualified Contractors within specific regions of the state and work directly with property owners participating in the IESP. If you are interested in applying to become a Regional General Contractor, please visit our website at <u>www.IndianaEnergySaver.com</u> to learn more.

Regional General Contractors will assist with managing IESP projects across the state. Responsibilities of an RGC include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Managing simultaneous project assignments across a broad geographic area,
- 2. Ensuring the completion of a project's scope of work,
- 3. Coordinating and holding contracts with IESP Qualified Contractors and property owners
- 4. Maintaining and reporting federally compliant documentation to IESP staff.

Programs Available

The funding for the IESP program comes from two federal programs:

Home Efficiency Rebate (HOMES)

- Focuses on whole-home retrofits to achieve at least 20% predicted energy savings
- Applicable to both single-family and multifamily residential buildings
- Available to all Hoosiers with a focus on low- and moderate-income households
- Eligible upgrades are based on the modeled energy savings targets and can include a variety of energy efficiency improvements such as air sealing, insulation, and retrofits for the installation of HVAC and water heating systems.

Home Appliance Rebate (HEAR)

- Focuses on energy efficient appliances and equipment. Available to low- and moderate-income households (earning less than 150% of Area Median Income)
- Applicable to both single-family and multifamily residential buildings
- Eligible upgrades include heat pump water heaters, heat pump HVAC systems, electric stoves, heat pump clothes dryers, and crucial electrical system enhancements such as service load centers/ panels and electrical wiring.

Regional General Contractor Benefits

- In addition to participating in the IESP Qualified Contractor Network, Regional General Contractors can receive the following benefits:
- Be recognized as an Indiana Energy Saver Program Regional General Contractor;
- Bring energy savings to Hoosier homes by ensuring energy saving measures are properly installed;
- Gain valuable experience implementing a program that uses federal funds;
- Expand your geographic reach, potentially increasing your long-term customer base and professional network of Hoosier contractors;
- Contribute to future program development by providing insights and feedback.

How to Get Started

Firms interested in becoming a Regional General Contractor for the Indiana Energy Saver Program must first apply to participate in the Qualified Contractor Network. Once provisionally approved as a qualified contractor, firms may apply to be a Regional General Contractor. In addition to meeting the qualified contractor requirements, Regional General Contractors are expected to possess construction management experience, staffing capacity, capability of overseeing a region of the state, financial capacity to provide payments to qualified contractors, and excellent customer service skills to deliver high-quality service. To start the process:

- 1. Visit our <u>website</u> and review the Program Documents and RGC Minimum Qualifications.
- 2. Submit your Qualified Contractor Application and indicate interest in the RGC role.
- **3.** Upon provisional approval to be a Qualified Contractor, receive an invitation to apply to be considered for selection of Regional General Contractor role.
- 4. Complete the Regional General Contractor Application.
- **5.** Submit your RGC application and supporting documentation.
- 6. Participate in an interview, if required.

If you have specific questions or need additional assistance, please fill out the <u>"Contact Us"</u> form to engage with Program Staff directly.