

# 2023 WAP DOE Public Hearing

2.6.2023

## **Attendees**

Greg Glassley, IHCDA, Community Programs Director – Energy & Utility Programs Josh Pearson, IHCDA, Community Programs Technical & Policy Analyst – Weatherization Emily Krauser, IHCDA, Chief Deputy Director of Programs Joely Pope, IHCDA, Residential Energy Specialist Colleen Hutson, Hutson Homes – Community Programs Monitor – Weatherization

## **Transcript**

Good morning, today is Monday, February 6, 2023 and the time is 11:00 am EST. My name is Greg Glassley, and I am the Community Programs Director of Energy & Utility Programs for the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA). IHCDA is the Department of Energy (DOE) grantee for the State of Indiana and is responsible for management and oversight of the Weatherization Assistance Program.

This public hearing is being held in accordance with Federal Regulation 10 CFR 440.14(a) which requires that a public hearing be held prior to the submission of a state plan for the Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance program. The above referenced guidance reads as follows:

#### §440.14 State Plans

(a) Before submitting to DOE an application, a State must provide at least 10 days' notice of a hearing to inform prospective Subgrantees, and must conduct one or more public hearings to receive comments on a proposed State plan. The notice for the hearing must specify that copies of the plan are available and state how the public may obtain them. The State must prepare a transcript of the hearings and accept written submission of views and data for the record.

This hearing covers the proposed state plan for Program Year 2023 beginning April 1, 2023 and ending March 31 2024.

The public hearing notice was posted on the IHCDA website on January 23, 2023.

In addition to holding this Public Hearing, the DOE State Plan was made available for public comment from January 30, 2023 through March 31, 2023.

The Policy Advisory Council met on February 2, 2023, at 11:00 am. A copy of those meeting notes will be attached to IHCDA's State Plan submission to DOE. Comments from that meeting may be reflected in the final version of the DOE State Plan.

Comments from our Project Officers will be reflected in the final version of the State Plan.

### **Summary of Significant Areas of Clarification**

- 1. Base Operations & Health & Safety
  - a. Base Operations ACPU has been raised to \$8,000.00
  - **b.** Health & Safety percentage cap has been raised to 25% of Base Program Operations costs

#### 2. Minimum Training Requirements

- **a.** Sub-grantees will now have 9 months and 45 days to have their weatherization HVAC professionals obtain training for Lead Safe Weatherization, Moisture and Mold Awareness, and Asbestos Awareness
- **b.** Only OSHA 10 must be obtained before the weatherization professional may begin any weatherization work

#### 3. Continuing Education Units

- a. Required annual CEUS has been lowered from 16 to 12 hours
- b. SAMMs no longer qualify as CEUs
- c. Training hours for the first competency does not count towards CEUs

#### 4. Program Award Closeout

- **a.** On Day 30 of Closeout, Sub-grantees must submit a rough draft of the Closeout Report or update IHCDA via email to <a href="iwx@ihcda.in.gov">iwx@ihcda.in.gov</a> on where they are in the process
- b. All 4 IWAP Quarterly Reports will now be required for the Closeout Report

#### 5. HUD Eligibility

- **a.** Client's with a Section 8 Voucher are categorically eligible for weatherization
- b. Client's Section 8 Voucher must be included in their file

A draft of the 2023 DOE State Plan was made available online and in IHCDA offices since January 23, 2023. Comments may be submitted by email, fax, or postal service mail until March 31, 2023.

IHCDA will now open the floor for verbal comments to be put on the record for the 2023 DOE State Plan. If you would like to speak please state your name and your organization before you start your comment.

Thank you for your comments, at this time we will close the record. If anyone would like us to re-open the record or if anyone new joins the call, we will re-open the record to accept their comments.

Greg Glassley announced the conclusion of the DOE 2022 Public Hearing at 12:00 pm.

## **Full Transcript (via Microsoft Teams)**

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Glassley, Gregory

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Glassley, Gregory

The Policy Advisory Council met on February 2nd, 2023 to 11:00 AM a copy of those meeting notes will be attached to the ICDA state plan. Submission to DOE comments from that meeting may be reflected in the final version of the DOE state Plan.

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Glassley, Gregory

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Glassley, Gregory

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Glassley, Gregory

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Glassley, Gregory

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Glassley, Gregory

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Glassley, Gregory

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Glassley, Gregory

At this time, we will close the record. Uh. This concludes the DOE 2022 public hearing at 12:00 PM Eastern Time. Thank you.