Public Notice of Hearing

Pursuant to the Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 440.12(a) of the Weatherization Assistance Program for low-income persons, the Colorado Energy Office Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), hereby announces that a public hearing will be held on Monday, April 20, 2020 from 2:00-4:00PM to receive testimony from interested persons regarding the CEO WAP state plan to provide weatherization services in Colorado for the program year 2020-2021. Under funding from the annual congressional appropriation through grant #DE-EE0007908.

CEO WAP administers the program through funding and programmatic oversight from the Department of Energy (DOE). The goal of the Weatherization Assistance Program is to maximize client energy cost savings for income qualifying Coloradans while maximizing their energy efficiency for their home, and the greater State of Colorado. Prioritization for certain sub-groups within the population is given, especially to those who experience a high energy burden and other disparities and inequities. Weatherization services include providing a full home energy assessment followed by measures, including but not limited to, air sealing; installation of high efficiency appliances, such as refrigerators and furnaces; installation of solar photovoltaic systems, installation of insulation in walls and attics; in addition to the distribution of educational materials designed to further reduce individual energy consumption. These services are provided in all of Colorado’s 64 counties by six regional weatherization service subgrantees and various contractors.

Given future and final approval is secured, CEO WAP is proposing the following implementations for the 2020-2021 Program Year:

- The grant’s annual file has been populated to reflect a new program year 2020-2021 application which, subject to approval by the DOE, will allow the CEO WAP to amend and administer current subgrantee contracts, in which all subgrantees were reviewed based on criteria outlined in Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 440.15 of the WAP for low-income persons, with performance periods through June 30, 2021.
- The grant’s annual file has been populated to state a redistribution provision which enables the CEO WAP to actively manage the grant and move funds as necessary to fully expend the monies during the budget period.
- The CEO WAP certifies that its policy advisory council, the Colorado Commission on Low-Income Energy Assistance, has reviewed and approved proposed activities associated with the DOE WAP.

Testimony may be received prior to or during the hearing on the proposed state plan. The hearing is intended to provide the general public with the opportunity to give input, offer testimony, and ask questions about the proposed state plan. A copy of the state plan
proposal and supporting documents may be obtained by accessing the CEO WAP website https://energyoffice.colorado.gov/weatherization-assistance.

Due to the recent public health crisis, the hearing will only be held online or via phone from 2:00 PM until adjournment at 4:00 PM. Should anyone who is deaf or hard of hearing and in need of accommodations, please contact CEO WAP Program staff EJ Jaenicke, at 303.866.6120, prior to the event.

You may join the public hearing online, via Zoom Meeting, or via phone on our conference line. All citizens must note that one person will be permitted to share at a time. For those wishing to do so, please be prepared to speak under the following guidelines:

1. When you wish to participate, please wait to proceed until you are addressed.
2. When addressed, before you share your testimony, please give your full name and spell it clearly so it may be recorded.
3. When you are not speaking, if possible, please mute your phone line to cut down on background noise.

Zoom Meeting URL: https://zoom.us/j/197214104
Join by phone: 253-215-8782 meeting ID: 19721404

Should you wish to contribute written testimony, official testimony may be mailed or emailed and received by Monday, April 20, 2020 at 4:00 PM. Please send your documentation, through certified mail, to:

Colorado Energy Office, Weatherization Assistance Program
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Or by email to: Weatherization@state.co.us.