Rapid Deployment Energy Efficiency (RDEE) Toolkit

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to announce the release of the first portion of the Rapid Deployment Energy Efficiency (RDEE) Toolkit—The Planning Guide to help states, local governments, and other program administrators to design and implement effective programs. The Planning Guide presents the information that the recipients of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding need to plan the early stages of the programs included in the RDEE Toolkit, both individually and as part of a portfolio of programs. This information includes:

- Program summary
- Target market
- Evaluation, monitoring, and verification requirements
- Infrastructure requirements
- Training requirements
- Staffing requirements
- Implementation timeline
- Energy savings
- Participation rates
- Total budget
- Job creation estimates
- Cost-effectiveness
- Resources and assistance

In addition, The Planning Guide provides a brief overview of the energy efficiency-related funding opportunities set forth in the ARRA. This guide does not, however, attempt to address the planning process and potential for renewable programs. The RDEE Toolkit will be released in two parts, with the complete toolkit available on June 15th. Visit http://www.epa.gov/solar/energy-resources/ee_toolkit.html for more information on the Toolkit.

The RDEE Toolkit is being developed through a joint effort of EPA and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), building upon technical information provided by the Leadership Group of the National Action Plan for Energy Efficiency.