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## Tapping Clean Energy Funds for Rural Montana



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*A workshop about energy efficiency and renewable energy grants, loans, and rebates for Montana farmers, ranchers, and businesses*



By the end of this workshop you will have the knowledge and skills to apply for renewable energy and energy efficiency loans, grants or rebates available in rural Montana. The training will include a special focus on USDA-RD Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) grant and loan program.

### Participants of this workshop will gain:

- A better understanding of utility, state and federal rebate, loan and grant programs for energy efficiency and renewable energy development.
- A better understanding of the complexity of the various programs' applications, including energy audit or assessment requirements.
- Educational and sample materials for use with REAP and other applications.
- Basic training in writing and packaging these grant and loan applications.
- The opportunity to help yourself and others who want to serve farmers, ranchers and small business owners in Montana.
- Certification to participate in a special application preparation cost-share program.

The clean energy funding workshop is being held right next door to the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual MATE Show and Home & Health Expo. This is the largest agriculture trade show in Montana and will feature the latest farming and ranching equipment, products, and services available.

*For any questions about workshop costs and how to register, contact Al Kurki @ 406.449.0104 or email @ [akurki@ncat.org](mailto:akurki@ncat.org)*

**Registration deadline is February 11, 2011**

••• Date: February 17, 2011

••• Time: 8:00 am—5:00 pm

••• Location: MetraPark, 308 6th Ave. N., Billings — In conjunction with the Montana Agricultural Trade Expo (MATE) in Billings

••• Cost: \$50.00 (includes written materials, lunch and admission to the MATE show)

••• Registration is required and non-refundable.

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••• OR call 800-275-6228 to register by phone

OR complete and mail the form on back to:

••• Kim Darrah  
NCAT  
P.O. Box 3838  
Butte, MT 59702

## Tapping Clean Energy for Rural Montana Agenda for February 17, 2011

- 8:00 am:** Registration
- 9:00 am:** Welcome and Introductions
- 9:15 am:** Overview
- 9:30 am:** Rural Energy for America (REAP) presented by USDA-RD of Montana
  - \*Program Overview
  - \*Funding Categories
  - \*Applicant Eligibility
  - \*Project Eligibility
  - \*Grant Funding
  - \*Eligible Project Costs
- 10:15 am:** Break
- 10:45 am:** NorthWestern Energy (NWE) Commercial Rebate Program, Montana Dakota Utilities and Rural Electric Cooperative rebate programs
- 11:45 am:** State Renewable Energy Loan Program Presentation
- 12:00 pm:** Lunch provided
- 1:00 pm:** REAP continued
  - \*REAP Simplified Application- Viewing a completed application
  - \*Checklist of items needed from applicants
  - \*REAP Application- Forms and Certifications
  - \*Project Summary
  - \*Self Evaluation Score
  - \*Technical Report
  - \*Reviewing Energy Audits/Energy Resource Assessments
  - \*Pulling Together Project Costs and Budget- Sources and Uses of Funds
  - \*Calculating Payback
  - \*Calculating Return on Investment
- 2:15 pm:** Break
- 2:45 pm:** Putting it all together: Applying for REAP and Other Funding Sources- The dirty details and other things you absolutely need to know in working with applicants.
- 3:45 pm:** Grant-packer contracting details and last round of questions
- 4:15 pm:** Closing comments and evaluation
- 4:30 pm:** Adjourn and Then You Choose- Visit with experts on project and application possibilities OR visit with renewable energy and irrigation companies about equipment that might work for you.

*Several hotels in Billings are offering special rates. Just mention that you are attending the MATE show when contacting any of the following hotels in Billings:*

**Billings Hotel \$65.00**  
**Call: 800-537-7286**

**Dude Rancher \$60.00**  
**Call: 406-259-5561**

**War Bonnet Inn (Single \$48.00)**  
**(Double \$53.00)**  
**Call:406-248-7761**

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<b>Name</b>	
<b>Organization</b>	
<b>Address, City, State, Zip Code</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
Method of Payment—Check One	
Check <input type="checkbox"/>	Money Order <input type="checkbox"/>
Please list any special dietary needs:	

\_\_\_ Sorry, I can't come to the Billings workshop, but please inform me of the Missoula Workshop that will be in May 2011.

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