

## Government Cash Now Available for Clean Energy Projects

As you are aware, credits against federal income tax have been available for certain renewable energy projects based on either the energy produced or the cost of the project. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 gave taxpayers an alternative to these credits. Since credits only benefit taxpayers that are currently paying tax, the Act created a grant program whereby taxpayers could apply for grants from the Department of the Treasury in lieu of these credits. **However, on July 9, 2009, the Treasury released guidance on the grant program, explaining how to apply and clarifying the conditions to which applicants had to agree.**

The credits range from 10% to 30% of the cost of specified energy property placed in service during 2009 or 2010 (or later if construction began in 2009 or 2010). **Applications will be reviewed and payments made within 60 days** from the date the application is completed or the date the property is placed in service, whichever is later. Applications can be submitted once the property is placed in service during 2009 and 2010, and the Treasury will act on the applications in the order in which received. Applications include a completed application form, supporting documentation, signed Terms and Conditions, as well as complete payment information. Supporting documentation varies depending upon the type of energy property created. However, in all cases, documentation supporting the cost basis must be submitted, and if the costs exceed \$500,000, **applicants must submit an independent accountant's certification attesting to the accuracy of all costs claimed.** Qualifying property must be used predominantly within the U.S. and the original use of the property must commence with the applicant. Additional eligibility requirements apply.

At Caturano and Company, we are currently assisting some clients in an advisory capacity to help them better understand the implications and opportunities this may have for their business. We have also designated a dedicated group to assist with the preparation and reporting process. We would like to set up a time to discuss this opportunity with you further. In speaking with you, we can determine if it makes sense for your organization to move forward with this process and how we may best assist you.

For your convenience, we have provided the [documentation](#) released from the Treasury on July 10, 2009 and a [sample application](#) for your review.

To learn more about this new guidance and potential cash savings to your organization, please email [Jim Moriarty](mailto:Jim.Moriarty@caturanoandcompany.com), Vice President, or call 617.241.1342.

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