

# **Schools and Local Governments Program:**

**Promoting Energy Conservation & Awareness** 

## **About the Program**

The SECO Schools and Local Government Energy Program provides a number of integrated services to assist local municipalities, public school districts, community colleges, and non-profit hospitals in setting up and maintaining effective energy efficiency programs.

This program provides State-funded, no obligation preliminary energy assessments (PEAs) which include an on-site visit by a state-contracted engineering firm. The findings of this site visit are packaged into a written report which is presented to your organization. The program also provides assistance through energy efficient school partnerships and energy management training workshops. Technical support is provided through facility-related services which address energy accounting, energy efficient facility operation and maintenance, indoor air quality, water conservation, comprehensive energy planning, and on-site training in setting up student-involved energy awareness projects and energy education.



Jacobs has worked with SECO for over 15 years helping public schools and local governments realize their energy goals and reduce their utility bills.

To Learn More About Us Visit:

SECO Homepage:

http://www.seco.cpa.state.tx.us/sch-gov/

**SECO Funding:** 

http://www.seco.cpa.state.tx.us/funding/

Jacobs Homepage:

http://www.jacobs.com/

#### **How to Enroll**

This packet contains further information on participating in the SECO program in addition to project funding and benefits information. The first step to getting involved in the program is to contact SECO to have a no-cost, no-obligation energy assessment. Should you choose to participate in the program, a representative from our organization will be sent out to survey your facilities, and an analysis report of potential energy savings opportunities will be generated for your benefit. You can read more about the program on the SECO website:

http://www.seco.cpa.state.tx.us/sch-gov/pea.php.

The process is very easy, simply fill out the PEA Service Agreement that is located in this packet and email it to:

- Stephen Ross (SECO Program Manager) at <a href="mailto:Stephen.Ross@cpa.texas.gov">Stephen.Ross@cpa.texas.gov</a>
- James Walker (Jacobs Engineering Group) at James. Walker@jacobs.com





### Other Funding, Incentives & RFPs

Posted May 8, 2015 – The <u>Texas LoanSTAR Revolving Loan</u>
Program provides low interest rate loans to assist Texas public institutions by financing their energy-related cost-reduction retrofit projects.

- Notice of Loan Fund Availability (NOLFA) LoanSTAR Program. Application deadline of June 22, 2015.
- Next Round of Funding expected Fall 2015

Upcoming – The Small School District Pilot HVAC Loan Program. The State Energy Conservation Office will provide low interest loans to assist selected small public K-12 independent school districts with the replacement of existing HVAC systems. Expected Summer/Fall 2015

*Posted Dec. 19, 2014* – The State Energy Conservation Office will provide low interest loans to assist selected small public K-12 independent school districts with the replacement of existing HVAC systems.

 Notice of Loan Fund Availability (NOLFA) – Small School District Pilot HVAC Loan Program

Posted Oct.31, 2014 – The Comptroller of Public Accounts (Comptroller) State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) will provide low interest loans to assist selected public entities in financing their energy-related cost-reduction efforts utilizing the LoanSTAR revolving loan program.

• Clean Energy Incubator Emerging Technology Program RFP

Posted June 13, 2014 – The Comptroller of Public Accounts (Comptroller) State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) invites all interested public universities in Texas to respond to the Request for Proposal for the creation and/or expansion of Clean Energy Incubators.

 Notice of Loan Fund Availability (NOLFA) – LoanSTAR Program

Posted April 25, 2014 – The Comptroller of Public Accounts (Comptroller) State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) will provide low interest loans to assist selected public entities in financing their energy-related cost-reduction efforts utilizing the LoanSTAR revolving loan program.

 Professional Energy Engineering Services for the Schools and Local Government Energy Program of SECO

Posted April 21, 2014 - The State Energy Conservation Office ("SECO") of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts ("Comptroller"), issues this Request for Proposals No. 207b (the "RFP") to solicit proposals from qualified, independent engineers to assist Comptroller in providing energy engineering assistance to Texas school districts and other local governmental entities.

The next LoanSTAR Notice of Loan Fund Availability will be fall 2015.



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