

## U.S. Department of Energy

### STATE PLAN/MASTER FILE WORKSHEET Grant Number: EE0000654 State: WI Program Year: 2012

#### III.1 Eligible Population

Owners and renters with income levels up to 60% state median income.

##### III.1.1 General Description

###### Definition of criteria used to determine eligibility:

Wisconsin adopted for its Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) eligibility the same guidelines used statewide in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), as permitted by 10 CFR 440.22(3) provided that the LIHEAP income limit is not lower than 200 percent of poverty level. A household is eligible for weatherization services when the Wisconsin Department of Administration, Division of Energy Services (DES or 'the Division') has certified the household to be eligible for LIHEAP, based on the following criteria:

- a. For a household to be Categorically Eligible, all household members must be recipients of either W-2/TANF, FoodShare (food stamps), or SSI in each of the preceding three months.  
or,
- b. Income is at or below 60% of state median income.  
or,
- c. Is determined by the State to be transitional housing [440.22(f)].

The Division has established written policies, incorporated in the Weatherization Program Manual, which set forth procedures to determine dwelling unit eligibility [440.16]. These procedures cover income eligibility, determination of rental property eligibility, and assurance of tenant benefit from weatherization services. Wisconsin complies with all household and building eligibility criteria outlined in 10 CFR 440.22.

###### Procedures to determine that units weatherized have eligibility documentation:

The combined LIHEAP and WAP application intake process provides all of the applications for weatherization subgrantees. The Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) income limit equaling 60% of state median income is used to provide consistency of service and allow shared systems and programming for data collection, entry, and reporting.

**Definition of children:** Below age 6.

**Recommend tribal organization(s) be treated as local applicant?:** Yes.

**If YES, Recommendation: If NO, statement that assistance to low-income tribe members and other low-income persons is equal:**

The Division will provide weatherization services to eligible Native American households both on and off reservations [440.16(f)]. The State will apportion funds to the tribes for outreach. Tribal referrals are required to be given priority for service by weatherization subgrantees. Off-reservation households of Native Americans will be served by local agencies in that service area according to the same prioritization system as non-Native households.

##### III.1.2 Selection of Areas to Be Served

Weatherization services are provided on a statewide basis. The Division contracts with Community Action Agencies and a variety of other public and nonprofit entities to deliver weatherization services [440.15(a) (1)]. Public comment is solicited on the selection of subgrantees as part of the public hearing conducted on the draft application for DOE funds [440.15(a)(2)]. In selecting subgrantees, preference is given to any agency with experience and performance in weatherization or housing renovation, in assisting low income persons in the area, and currently administering a timely and effective weatherization program [440.15(a)(2)(i,ii,iii)]. This is done to maintain stability so that clients can readily identify where they may receive needed services.

Selection of new or additional subgrantees will be made in accordance with the requirements of 440.15(d) and include consideration of:

- a. The extent to which the weatherization goals set forth in the contract are achieved in a timely fashion;
- b. The quality of work performed;
- c. The number, qualifications, and experience of the staff;
- d. The ability to secure volunteers, training participants, public service employment workers, and other federal or state training programs.