

May 20, 2009

ESC Meeting – Georgia Chapter

Call to Order

Introduction of Phil Foil

Old Business

Discussion of failed sb194 was conducted.

Comment from Boyd Pettit and Lewis Massey on sb 194: bill was voted down in senate after a controversial storm water runoff tax amendment was attached on the last day of the session.

A suggestion was made that a committee of financial stakeholders review the issues with sb 194 and resolve if possible.

Boyd Pettit has researched two other ways to do energy performance contracting:

1. Use existing state entities to handle the funding. i.e. GSFIC or GEFA
2. Allow a performance contract to be written under current law. Can enter into a multi-year contract with another governmental entity.

BP – development authority is not a pot of money; it would depend on the financial ability of the developmental authority. Conduit financing is the label.

Jim Bode suggested a committee to explore the conduit financing option as to legality: GSFIC, GEFA, DOAS, Tommy Hills

New Business

Boyd Pettit reported that cities and counties had hb 553 in the session. It was a long-term leasing bill. After passage, the Governor vetoed the bill.

Recovery Act Facts

- ARRA - 200 million total
- WAP=low income 115M
- SEP funds = 82.5 million (65 M for state facilities) of that 34m is BOR
- Phase 1 = 10%, July 40% after plan approval, other 50% is tied to performance, 18 months to commit
- Clean Renewable Energy Bonds - targeted at energy generation. Tax credit bonds instead of interest bonds.

- Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds - \$100.4 M of QECBs to Georgia. 30 or 40% might be available to state bldgs. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Qs are also tax credit bonds instead of interest bonds.
- Clean Energy Tax Grant – 4.8M

Miscellaneous

Tommy Hills, CFO wants 35% to go to the BOR, balance to other agencies. He wants larger projects.

GEFA suggested to TH to bundle projects from different agencies into one project.

Retro-commissioning might be done under a SWC by one company.

David Godfrey - hopes to have a draft guidance document very shortly for state agencies.

Projects going to be competitive; higher value larger projects will take priority.

Engineered projects will be implemented first.

Suggestion was made that GEFA earmark 3-5 M for a pilot PC project. Use MS model to do the deal.

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