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TO: Michael Furze, Assistant Director, Energy Division

THROUGH: Emily Salzberg, Managing Director, Buildings Unit
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FROM: Brittany Wagner, Program Manager- Tier 1 Incentives & Appliance Standards

SUBJECT: Energy Audits for Public Buildings- Grant Award Recommendations

This memorandum provides award recommendations for the Energy Audits for Public Buildings Program from Solicitation No. 51620-01 as amended in July 2024. Upon approval of this recommendation, we will send notifications to successful applicants. SB 5187 appropriated \$20,592,000 (\$20 million available for award) of the climate commitment account—state appropriation is provided solely for the department to administer a grant program to assist owners of public buildings in covering the costs of conducting an investment grade energy audit for those buildings.

This program intends to remove the barrier to accessing capital and implementing energy savings improvements for public buildings, through an energy audit incentive. This funding will be used to cover part or all of the cost of conducting an investment grade energy audit. The program will reserve a portion of the funding for public buildings in overburdened communities.

This Memo recommends awards for the qualified audits below. The remaining funding available is \$19,518,369.

Program Structure and Background

Energy audits help building owners understand energy usage and ways to use energy more efficiently and cost effectively. Additionally, an energy audit can identify safety concerns with electrical and mechanical systems. It is the first step to compliance with building performance standards beginning in 2026. Without access to an energy audit, the state's large public buildings will fall behind and risk being out of compliance with the Clean Buildings law.

The funded performance period is set to end June 30, 2025.

RFA's award criteria:

Required:

- The auditor used shall be listed on the Verified Energy Auditors Network list for Publicly Owned Buildings auditor list or a qualified Energy Service Company (ESCO) who partners with Department of Enterprise Services
- Starting on or after July 1, 2023, the auditor must complete an energy audit in accordance with Section 8 of the Washington State Clean Buildings Performance Standard.
 - Completion and submittal of an audit summary in accordance with Normative Annex Z6.4 Form D of the Washington State Clean Buildings Performance Standard
 - Verify energy savings calculations of each EEM
 - Verify that the combined savings of multiple EEM accounts for interactive effects
 - Verify individual EEM costs evaluated by the energy audit
 - Shall be an ASHRAE Level 1, 2 or targeted Level 2 Audit
 - For buildings that will not meet the energy use intensity target (EUI_t) and will be pursuing compliance through the investment criteria, the energy audit shall be an ASHRAE level 2 audit and include a life cycle cost analysis of all evaluated EEMs in accordance with Normative Annex X of the Washington State Clean Buildings Performance Standard.

Recommended Awards

Applicant Name	Number of Tier 1 Buildings	Funding Requested	Cost Per Sq. Ft.	Funding Recommended
Glacier View Junior High, Puyallup	1	\$53,300	\$0.50	\$53,300
Aylen Jr. HS Puyallup School District	1	\$56,100	\$0.49	\$56,100
Gov. John Rogers HS Puyallup	1	\$95,400	\$0.46	\$95,400
Snohomish Jail	1	\$81,420	\$0.22	\$81,420
Edmonds College	6	\$195,411	\$0.50	\$195,411
			Total Recommended Awards	\$481,631

Review Process

Three internal reviewers participated in reviewing these applications.

Next Steps: Awards and Contract Negotiation

- We will notify successful applicants by email and outline next steps for the contracting process.
- We will issue a press release to announce awarding of funding.

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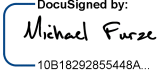
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