



## Recovery Update from the Iowa Office of Energy Independence

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The Office of Energy Independence is pleased to announce that **State Energy Program (SEP)** applications can now be submitted electronically.

- Both Word and PDF versions of the application are available at <http://www.energy.iowa.gov/ARRA09/SEP.html>
- Applicants who choose to submit their application through that link should also send a confirmation letter to [sean.bagniewski@iowa.gov](mailto:sean.bagniewski@iowa.gov)
- The deadline for applications is August 12, 2009

New additions have also been made to the SEP frequently asked questions page at <http://www.energy.iowa.gov/ARRA09/SEP/FAQ.html>. Those additions are included below.

As always, thank you for your interest in the Recovery programs and in our activities. We look forward to working with you in the coming weeks.

### State Energy Program: Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Can we include a cover letter explaining our project?**

**A:** Yes. Although not required, applicants may submit a cover letter with their application if they feel it would help explain their project.

**Q: Can we apply for efficient lighting improvements?**

**A:** Yes. Most of the State Energy Program funding is directed towards energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements on buildings. If the lighting improvements are for a building then they will be eligible for consideration. If the lighting is not for a building (for roads, bike paths, etc.) then they could be eligible under the innovative projects category, although these types of improvements will likely be more suited for the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grants Program. OEI is still awaiting approval for those funds from the Department of Energy.

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