



## GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

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### **Weatherization Assistance Program Seeks Service Provider for Muscogee County**

ATLANTA – The Georgia Environmental Finance Authority's (GEFA) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) today announced it is soliciting proposals from qualified organizations to provide weatherization services for Muscogee County. GEFA facilitates the WAP in Georgia, which serves low-income families in all 159 counties throughout the state.

Qualified service provider applicants should have demonstrated experience in providing rehabilitation, retrofits, green building and/or weatherization services. The WAP follows the requirements for all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) policies and directives, which also applies to its service provider network.

The RFP will be available on Monday, March 14, 2011, at [www.gefa.org](http://www.gefa.org). Completed RFP responses are due Friday, April 1, 2011, at 4:00 p.m., and the completed response must be submitted electronically via e-mail in one PDF file to [energy@gefa.ga.gov](mailto:energy@gefa.ga.gov). An evaluation period will take place April 4 through April 8, 2011, and the award announcement will be made Monday, April 11, 2011.

A mandatory pre-proposal meeting for interested applicants will be held Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at 1:00 p.m., at the Boxwood Place Early Head Start Center Conference Room, 1700 Boxwood Place, Columbus, Ga. 31906.

"GEFA's weatherization team is committed to ensuring families in need of weatherization services receive timely, quality service and that citizens' tax dollars are spent responsibly," said GEFA Executive Director Kevin Clark. "It is a priority to ensure that families in Muscogee County obtain the weatherization services they need."

Enrichment Services Program (ESP) Inc., which previously provided weatherization services for Muscogee County, recently announced that it would no longer participate in GEFA's WAP program in order to pursue other projects directed toward its organization's goals and objectives.

The WAP's mission is to reduce state and national consumption of energy while providing a safe, improved environment and enhanced quality of life for Georgia's income-eligible households. The Georgia WAP received

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\$124.5 million through the ARRA; \$99 million was given to 22 community service providers in the WAP network to weatherize homes for low-income families in need. The service providers include local community action agencies, city governments and other nonprofit organizations.

Nationwide, the WAP has weatherized more than 200,000 homes, which are now not only more energy efficient, but save weatherization clients money on their utility bills. In Georgia 7,044 homes have been weatherized through January 2011.

***About the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority ([www.gefa.org](http://www.gefa.org))***

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