GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Idea Form, & Guidelines for Proposed Uses of Exxon Overcharge Money

STATE OF NEBRASKA
NEBRASKA ENERGY OFFICE, BOX 95085, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA 68509 PHONE (402) 471-2867
TO: Innovators
FROM: Robert Kerrey, Governor
SUBJECT: Energy-Efficiency Ideas Made Possible by a Court Decision
DATE: May 12, 1986

I need your best energy-efficiency ideas!

As a result of a recent court decision, Nebraska has received over $15 million which must be spent to achieve greater energy-efficiency in the state. Although the court order referred to federal programs as a model for using the Exxon funds, there is room in those programs for innovative energy efficiency efforts which may never have been done before.

Nebraska has an opportunity to be innovative and to create solid building blocks which eventually could free the state from dependency on other states and nations for oil, natural gas, coal and uranium. I believe one of the best ways to do this is to create a state-wide energy loan program.

I want to make the most of this opportunity!

You can help me chart Nebraska’s future. Please think about how we can make our energy use more efficient and tell me how we can do that with new or revised efforts and services. Specifically, I want your suggestions on how Nebraskans can use a state-wide energy loan program which will reduce our dependency on imported energy. The enclosed information should help you direct your thinking. Remember that your idea or proposal should be returned to me by Monday, June 23, 1986.

If you have any questions regarding the guidelines, the idea or proposal form or the process, contact Larry Pearce in my Energy Office, Ninth Floor, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509 (402) 471-2867.

Thank you for sharing your creativity with me.

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Guidelines for Submission of Exxon Proposals

Background

On March 6, 1986, the Nebraska Energy Office received approximately $15.5 million as a result of a decision in United States v. Exxon Corporation. That decision found Exxon liable for overcharges on crude oil sales made during the period of federal price controls on U.S. oil between 1973 and 1981.

The decision requires that the Energy Office use the Warner Amendment (Sec. 155, P.L. No. 97-377) as a model for developing a plan for spending these funds. In general, the Warner Amendment provides for expenditure of funds through five programs designed to provide energy conservation benefits and to reduce energy costs generally for Nebraskans. These funds must be used to supplement, and not replace, current funding, and can not be used for administrative expenses.

As the trustee of these funds, the Energy Office is responsible for developing a plan for the proper use of these funds and is accepting for review innovative ideas, concept papers, or initial proposals for consideration for possible inclusion in the plan. Proposals may include research designs or demonstration projects as well as programmatic ideas, concepts, or applications within any of the five Warner Amendment programs. These programs are:

State Energy Conservation Program (SECP), 42 U.S.C. 6321. This program provides a broad range of
energy conservation services to energy users in the residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, and transportation sectors. The purpose of SECP is to promote the conservation of energy and to improve the efficient use of energy. The goal of SECP is to develop and support activities resulting in quantifiable energy savings.

Under SECP, the Energy Office has designed and implemented programs aimed at achieving specific energy conservation goals. Examples are the Nebraska Community Energy Management Program, which is designed to help communities develop their own energy plans; energy code development; and energy conservation workshops and public information.

Under this program current U.S. Department of Energy regulations specifically prohibit the use of funds to construct or repair buildings, purchase land or buildings, or to purchase or install equipment for energy conservation retrofits or weatherization. Demonstration projects of commercially available energy techniques or technology are permitted.

Energy Extension Service (EES), 41 U.S.C. 7001. This program supports energy conservation activities similar to those provided through SECP, but this program is directed primarily at small energy users, such as small business operators, farmers, local communities, and individual consumers. Public outreach and energy education are major efforts under this program. Regulations for this program prohibit the use of funds for the direct purchase or installation of conservation equipment and materials.

Institutional Conservation Program (ICP), 42 U.S.C. 6371. This program, commonly known as the Schools and Hospitals program, provides funding for 50% matching grants to help public and non-profit K-12 schools, colleges, hospitals, and local governments and public care facilities built before 1977, conduct technical assistance studies which identify potential building energy conservation opportunities. Most of the current program funding is used to provide a 50% matching grants for non-profit schools and hospitals to pay for the installation of cost-effective energy conservation measures identified in the technical assistance studies.
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), 42 U.S.C. 6861. This program assists people with low incomes, especially the elderly and handicapped, by making energy improvements to their homes. In Nebraska, the program is a statewide effort carried out by local non-profit or public agencies. This program concentrates on those energy improvements which have the greatest impact on making recipients' homes more energy efficient and lowering their energy bills.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), 42 U.S.C. 8621. This program is administered by the Nebraska Department of Social Services (DSS) and provides money to people with low incomes to help pay their utility bills.

State Review Criteria

The Energy Office’s policy is to implement programs which meet the requirement of the district court's order and which at the same time provide restitution to those Nebraskans who were injured as a result of Exxon's misconduct. Generally, those Nebraskans who purchased petroleum products between 1975 and 1981 are included in this definition. This would include, for example, individual consumers, businesses, farmers, local governments, schools, hospitals, industries, homeowners, and renters. We must provide the restitution indirectly since the actual individual dollar damages are very small and the accurate identification of those injured nearly impossible. We also want the programs, projects, or proposals to:

-- lower Nebraska’s energy costs
-- provide long-term benefits so that future generations of Nebraskans continue to benefit
-- enhance Nebraska's economy
-- provide innovative approaches to energy efficiency; and
-- attract funding from other sources

Submissions will be reviewed by the Governor, the Nebraska Energy Office, and the Governor's Energy Advisory Committee. Additional information may be requested for any of the submissions received.

Submission Format

A submission form is at the back of this booklet. However, if you elect to submit a letter, each submission should be no more than two pages long and should provide, if appropriate, the following information:

1. A concise description of the idea, proposal, or project.

2. A statement of how the project or proposal would provide long term restitutionary benefits to the people of Nebraska.
3. A statement of how the project or proposal would provide equitable geographic benefits throughout the state.

4. A description of how Nebraska contractors, suppliers, or businesses would benefit from the proposal or project.

5. A description of the proposal or project's ability to attract additional funding.


7. Estimated annual BTU savings.

8. An estimate of the proposal or project's cost.

Submissions should be sent to Governor Bob Kerrey, P.O. Box 94992, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509, or submitted during the regional meetings. For additional information call (402) 471-2867.

Receipt or acceptance of a submission does not imply a commitment or obligation on the part of the State of Nebraska to fund any submission. The deadline for submissions is June 23, 1986.
My Idea or Proposal for the Exxon Oil Overcharge Money

Please Type or Print Clearly
(If you are unable to answer the questions, feel free to leave them blank)

I. Submitted by:

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II. Type of Proposal or Idea (check one)

- Research
- Concept
- Demonstration
- Program
- Unknown

III. Type of Warner Amendment Program (Refer to Submission Guidelines and check appropriate box.)

- State Energy Conservation Program
- Weatherization Assistance Program
- Energy Extension Service
- Unknown
- Institutional Conservation Program
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

IV. The Proposal

Briefly describe the idea, proposal or project.

V. Long Term Benefits

Briefly state how your idea or proposal provides long-term benefits to Nebraskans.
VI. Geographic Distribution
Briefly describe what areas of the state will benefit from your idea or proposal.

VII. Economic Development
Briefly describe the economic benefits of your proposal.

VIII. Leveraging
Briefly describe your proposal or idea's ability to attract additional funding support from non-Exxon sources.

IX. Annual Energy Dollar Savings
Please estimate how much money would be saved in energy costs each year as a result of your idea or proposal. $_________________.

X. Annual Energy Savings
Estimate the annual energy savings in British Thermal Units (BTUs). __________________________BTUs.
(1 BTU = The heat produced by completely burning one wooden kitchen match)

XI. Estimated Cost
Estimate the cost of your proposal or idea. $_________________.

If you are submitting your proposal on separate pages please fill out and attach this form to the proposal.
If additional pages are necessary, attach no more than one page.
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Hearing From You, I look forward to Your Information Packet for Proposed Use of Exxon