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Applications now being accepted on a first come, first serve basis from St. Clair County Businesses for \$150,000 Energy Savings Matching Grant Program

St. Clair County, MI –

We are pleased to announce that grant applications are officially being accepted for a \$150,000 Energy Savings Program now available to St. Clair County businesses. St. Clair County has partnered with the EDA to provide funds for energy saving improvements and enhancements to St. Clair County businesses and facilities through a \$150,000, 50/50 match program.

Examples of projects that could be funded include:

- Replacement of HVAC systems, lighting upgrades
- Alternative energy improvements/upgrades
- Energy Star rated products
- Labor/installation of energy savings equipment
- Down payment assistance toward larger energy savings projects that may require a loan

All program dollars will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis through April, 2012, or until all dollars allocated are spent.

News of the Energy Grant Program was first mentioned in EDA's April newsletter, but details and program criteria were still being solidified at that time.

“This is a great opportunity for any business in St. Clair County to do an upgrade to their facility or business and best of all it is open to all for profit businesses within St. Clair County,” said Small Business Concierge, Scott Beedon.

The criteria for the Energy Savings Program are as follows:

Energy Grant Application Criteria

- Businesses must be located within St. Clair County
- Non-profit organizations are not eligible
- 50/50 match program not to exceed \$25,000
- Use of local contractors and supply companies are encouraged
- Applicants need to provide full details of the project along with an estimated breakdown of the direct savings gained from these improvements/upgrades
- Davis Bacon/Prevailing Wage Detail will apply for the labor portion of project
- If any portion of the grant is being used as part of a down payment to larger energy savings project, applicant must include all details and scope of the project

The grant application can be obtained online at www.edascc.com or by email to sbeedon@edascc.com. Questions regarding the program should be directed to Scott Beedon or Rene Stephan at the EDA (810) 982-9511.

About EDA

The Economic Development Alliance (EDA) of St. Clair County is a Private Nonprofit organization that provides general purpose economic development services throughout St. Clair County. EDA offers a wide variety of services involving business recruitment and business retention with an overall goal of enhancing the quality of life for residents in St. Clair County. EDA also serves as a satellite office for the Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center offering free resources, classes and guidance for entrepreneurs and small business owners. EDA is supported by a membership of over 100 businesses from the private & public sector. www.edascc.com