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Frank Norcross, EE-2K, U.S.
Department of Energy,
1000 Independence Ave., SW., Washington,
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Dear Mr. Norcross,

I'm writing this response on behalf of CRT, the local community action agency serving 62 towns in Connecticut. We operate a number of energy programs via funding through the Department of Energy (DOE), utility company funding and fund through the American Recovery and Assistance Act. CRT has been approved for \$5,378,787 in ARRA-WAP funding for the period 2009-2010. This funding will allow us to weatherize 695 units.

There have been a great number of challenges in ramping up for this initiative. These challenges include hiring and training staff, identifying and selecting new contractors, developing new partnerships with state and local agencies. That being said, I believe we've been very successful in this process and we are in great position expand energy conservation services to the low income families in our community.

The primary reporting challenge we've had with has stemmed from the Davis Bacon reporting requirements for our subcontractors. For most, including contractors we've dealt with in the past, this is a new process. While we've provide training in this area, this has been challenging, especially for the smaller contractors. In the early stages, we have found incomplete information on the reporting forms. This has resulted in a multiple follow up contacts between CRT staff and the contractors to secure the appropriate information.

Thank you for this opportunity to share this information. If you should have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 860-560-5769 or via email at jimp@crtct.org.

Sincerely,

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