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**ENERGY AUDIT INCENTIVE GRANT (EAIG)**

Virginia Sustainable Building Network (VSBN) released guidelines and an application for Energy Audit Incentive Grant (EAIG), on September 8, 2006. This program is targeted towards communities and school divisions in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Statistics vary but 40-60% of all energy used in the U.S. is expended on the manufacture of materials, construction and continued use of buildings.

The goal of EAIG is to help communities and school divisions take the first steps towards energy efficiency in their buildings by understanding their current energy use through a tool called an energy audit. Without this baseline measurement it is difficult to understand the value of any energy improvements made. The partial funding of this process is intended to help localities get started towards greater understanding of how they use energy and where opportunities exist for savings.

Selection preference will be given to K-12 school divisions, municipalities, and counties

- 1) that do not have energy management professionals on staff
- 2) which have the lowest per-capita income
- 3) demonstrate a capacity to complete the grant in the grant period

EAIG grant applications must be completed and in the Offices of VSBN by the close of business on October 23, 2006.

Virginia Sustainable Building Network has received funding for EAIG from the Energy Division, Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy under contract with the U.S. Department of Energy.

To receive further information and to obtain an EAIG grant application and guidelines contact Pamela Vosburgh, Project Coordinator, Virginia Sustainable Building Network, P.O. Box 6539, Arlington, VA, 22204, 703-486-2966, [pam@vsbn.org](mailto:pam@vsbn.org)

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