Biggest Bang for the Buck

Leveraging Funds

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Financing in this New Economic Climate

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Lease Purchase Financing
Current Market Trends
Leveraging Grant and Stimulus Dollars to Develop Projects in Current Economic Climate

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Energy Performance Contracts – Current Trends

• Energy Performance Contracts = Self-Supported Debt

• Fewer Institutions Lending = Highly Competitive Market for Available Capital

• Current Focus - Credit Quality (Client & ESCO)

• Banks Trying To Raise Capital = Shorter Terms & Higher Rates

• Lenders have New Exposure Ceilings

• Heightened Interest from Public Sector as Result of ARRA Stimulus funds

• Appeal of Energy Performance Contracting Increasing in Response to Budget Cuts for Capital Projects
Lease Purchase Financing and Leveraging Capital Resources

- Combining Bond Proceeds and Lease Purchase Arrangements on Capital Projects
- Effective Application of Utility Incentives with Lease Purchase Transactions
- Incorporate Traditional Grant Program Dollars to Buy Down Lease Purchase
- Utilize Tax Credits as Part of the Lease Purchase Structure
Lease Purchase Financing – Leveraging Stimulus Dollars

- State and Local Governments can Leverage ARRA funds into much more than a Dollar-Per-Dollar Benefit
- Stimulus Funds Utilized as Incentives for Project Development -- Seed Money
- Leverage Stimulus Dollars with Traditional Sources of Capital- Take Advantage of the Energy Performance Contract paying its own way using a Lease Purchase Arrangement.
Lease Purchase Financing – Leveraging Capital Resources
Case Studies

College in Oregon:

- Project: $17,000,000
- Tax Credit: $2,000,000
- State Energy Fund: $2,000,000
- Net Project Cost: $13,000,000

- Lease Purchase: $13,000,000

Customer initially looked at a $4,000,000 project; however, once shown that Energy Savings can cover 100% debt service of Net Project Cost – this is now a $17,000,000 project for the ESCO. A Win-Win scenario.
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Case Study

Texas Municipality

Recipient of $3,500,000 in ARRA funds
Project Size: $7,000,000
Application of ARRA funds: $3,500,000
Net Project Cost $4,500,000

Customer has numerous “non-energy” saving capital improvements in this $7,000,000 project. Through buy-down of the project, sufficient energy savings exist to cover 100% debt service of balance. In addition, the project has an annual surplus in annual projected savings that can be redirected to cover other capital improvement needs.