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CRT is Seeking Contractors for Statewide Weatherization Assistance Program

Qualified and Licensed Contractors needed to help weatherize up to 400 homes across Connecticut

HARTFORD — The Community Renewal Team (CRT) was recently awarded the statewide Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) contract by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and the supplemental statewide weatherization barrier removal contract to provide weatherization services to income-eligible residents throughout the state of Connecticut.

To help fulfill this contract, and to provide much-needed weatherization services that will help people make their homes more comfortable and energy efficient, CRT is currently seeking qualified and licensed HVAC, weatherization, and environmental contractors throughout Connecticut to support the implementation of its Weatherization Assistance Program to serve up to 400 homes across the state.

The completion of weatherization services will also help people to reduce their energy burdens. CRT's certified auditors visit homes to perform a Home Energy Assessment to determine energy saving measures for installation by the selected contractors. Typical measures that will be conducted include: sealing air leaks and drafts, installing energy-saving light bulbs, and installing water-saving measures. The weatherization work in each unit may also include installation of insulation in attics and sidewalls, boiler/furnace replacement or repair, water heater assessment, as well as window repair or replacements and other services.

Interested contractors must attend a mandatory pre-bid conference meeting on Wednesday, January 17 at 9:00 am at CRT's main office in Hartford (555 Windsor Street). Following that meeting, qualified contractors are invited to submit Proposals in response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) to help fulfill these weatherization services for Connecticut residents.

Contractor Certifications:

- DOE Weatherization Contractors must have the following credentials: Building Performance Institute (BPI) Building Analyst, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) RRP, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Confined Space, CT Home

Improvement Contractor License, and if applicable Licensure for Environmental testing and remediation with the State of Connecticut.

- Weatherization Supplemental Health & Safety Program Contractors must have the following credentials: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) RRP, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Confined Space, CT Home Improvement Contractor License, and if applicable Licensure for Environmental testing and remediation.

All instructions for the RFP will be reviewed at the bidder's conference on January 17, and will acquaint all potential bidders with the project and field technical and administrative questions. Questions received in advance will be responded to at the bidder's conference. Questions regarding the RFP will be accepted up until January 29, 2018, at noon.

Additional information about the bidding process for contractors can be found on the Vendors page on CRT's website: <http://www.crtct.org/en/business-solutions/vendors>

Individuals seeking Weatherization services:

More information about how to apply for income-eligible weatherization assistance is available on CRT's website at: <http://www.crtct.org/en/need-help/energy-a-weatherization>. Individuals may also call 860-560-5354 or email: weatherization@crtct.org.

A U.S. Department of Energy grant administered by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection funds CRT's Weatherization Assistance Program services, with additional federal funding and state administration supporting the removal of barriers to weatherization.

Other weatherization services are available statewide through utility-administered programs, funded in part by a charge on customer's energy bills. Visit www.EnergizeCT.com or call 1-877-WISE USE.

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Community Renewal Team, Inc. is the designated Community Action Agency for Middlesex and Hartford Counties and is the largest non-profit provider of human services in Connecticut. The agency's mission is Preparing Our Community to Meet Life's Challenges. The mission is achieved each day by helping people and families become self-sufficient while making sure basic needs are met. CRT's programs include Head Start, Meals on Wheels, energy assistance, supportive housing and shelters, and many others, serving people in more than 60 cities and towns in both our core catchment area and throughout Connecticut. www.crtct.org