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Alliance for Economic Success is seeking Proposals for Energy Audits in government-owned facilities in Manistee County, Michigan

Manistee, Michigan – The Alliance for Economic Success (AES) announced today that it is seeking proposals for energy audits in government owned facilities. An energy efficiency grant of \$125,000 was awarded to Manistee County by the Michigan Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth to reduce the energy costs of governmental facilities and expand the Manistee County Recycling Initiative. The funding was provided through a state Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

Manistee County designated the AES as its representative to administer this grant and the energy audits.

Approximately \$75,000 in grant funds will be allocated to administer and complete energy audits of local government facilities in Manistee County and to help local units implement the audit findings to generate energy and cost savings. All local governmental units will be eligible to seek support under the grant program. The AES is issuing a request for proposals for a qualified consultant to perform the energy audits. The AES will also issue a request for proposals to all local governmental units in the county so that they may pursue assistance under the program.

“This grant will further support the shared vision of making Manistee County a destination of choice for families, visitors and businesses,” said Cyndy Fuller, Executive Director of the Alliance for Economic Success. “It will help our local governments reduce their energy consumption and cost of doing business..... The grant will enable us to develop a systematic approach for identifying and implementing energy and cost savings that will be of value to government and business.”

“This grant is a perfect fit with the priority of our County Board of Commissioners and their Green Team to promote county-wide energy efficiency and conservation,” said Tom Kaminski, Manistee County Administrator. “The future of our County depends in no small measure on how well we lead in improving efficiency and reducing waste. This grant will be a catalyst to achieve important energy savings and waste reduction throughout Manistee County.”