



WAP BIL Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program Planning Period and WAP BIL State Plan Submission

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To:	ODOC Weatherization Program Services Training Providers-Executive Directors, Program Managers and Financial Staff
From:	Greg Gaden, BIL Energy Programs Planner
Purpose:	To inform the Oklahoma weatherization network of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce's WAP BIL plan development and timeline. To ask the Oklahoma weatherization network to participate in the state planning process.

1. The recently enacted Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) requires that the Oklahoma Department of Commerce (ODOC) submit a Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (WAP BIL) State Plan that outlines the implementation of the WAP BIL in Oklahoma, following DOE requirements. The WAP BIL State Plan will be a four (4) year grant¹ (January 1, 2023 – December 30, 2026) and will primarily follow regular annual WAP policies and procedures, with two notable exceptions: Buy American² and Davis Bacon³. Therefore, although the State Plan required for WAP BIL is different from the regular annual WAP, the State Planning process is very similar. ODOC encourages the Oklahoma weatherization network at all levels to participate in the WAP BIL State Plan development process through the following activities:

- Submitting concerns, suggestions for improvement or other feedback to the any ODOC staff regarding current policies and procedures;
- Attending the new (in response to network request) WAP BIL Network Focus Group Meeting
- Attending the WAP BIL Public Hearing, asking questions, and providing comments;
- Reading the drafted WAP BIL State Plan when available and providing input during the public comment period; and/or
- Attending network meetings and all required trainings to stay informed of DOE requirements and regulations.

2. Please mark your calendars and join ODOC for the following events:

¹ Extensions may be possible at the end of the four years, if DOE provides approval, but the likelihood of such extensions is unknown.

² See DOE [BIL WPN 22-1](#) for more information

³ See DOE [BIL WPN 22-1](#) for more information. Davis Bacon will only apply to multi-family units.

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| August 23, 2022 | Drafted WAP BIL State Plan Available to Network and scheduled to be sent to Community Action Agency Executive Directors, Weatherization Program Managers. |
| August 24, 2022
<i>1:00PM – 3:00PM</i> | PY23-26 Virtual/In-Person BIL State Plan Review and Subgrantee Input Kick Off Meeting
Review the PY23-26 WAP BIL State Plan and provide input on changes the network would like to see in the plan. |
| August 24, 2022 – September 7, 2022 | Public Comment Period
Public comment will be obtained through mail, email, and in person through end of business day on September 7, 2022. |
| September 7, 2022 | Public Comments Due |
| October 1, 2022 | Anticipated WAP BIL State Plan Submission to DOE
Grant funding for Subgrantees will run from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2026. |

3. This timeline of events does not include any discussion of annual WAP PY23 or beyond which will be discussed separately.
4. Please note that should unforeseen circumstances result in a modification to any of these scheduled dates, a revised schedule will be sent. ODOC looks forward to the network's comments and feedback during the Planning process.

If you have any questions about this Memo, please contact ODOC Programs Planner – Greg Gaden, gregory.gaden@okcommerce.gov.