### **Energy Services Coalition (ESC)**

## 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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#### Lease Purchase Financing 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

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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:** 

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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.

#### Lease Purchase Financing – Leveraging Stimulus Dollars Case Study

#### Texas Municipality

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 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 buydown 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.