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Rural Business Investment Grade Energy Audit Application

Questions about the energy audits and this program can be directed to Jennifer Brinker at 800-441-8525 or jennifer.brinker@gdsassociates.com. GDS Associates can assist applicants with completing their application. Please fax or e-mail completed applications to 608-233-7262 or jennifer.brinker@gdsassociates.com. Your application must be complete before the approval process can begin. Applications are deemed complete if they include all necessary documentation to verify eligibility. Fill out all sections of the application.

Business Information

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| Legal Business Name | | Federal Tax ID Number | | NAICS Code - see table on page 3 |
| Owner Name | Contact Name & Position or Title | | Email | DUNS# |
| Mailing Address | City | State | Zip | Business Phone |
| Site Address | City | State | Zip | Mobile Phone |

Business Classification of Applicant (Check ONE): Corporation Partnership Sole Proprietorship - Individual LLC Other (describe): _____

Does the business owner own or lease the business site? (Check one) Own Lease Briefly describe the nature of the business: _____

Electric Utility Data Release

Electric Utility Name _____ Utility Account Number: _____

The undersigned utility customer requests and authorizes (name utility company) _____, hereafter referred to as the utility company, to release historical energy consumption information to GDS Associates, Inc. GDS Associates, Inc. maintains confidentiality agreements with its contractors and subcontractors and this billing information will be kept confidential and used for GDS Associates, Inc. projects only. The utility customer also hereby releases the utility company from any and all liability arising from or connected with providing this information to GDS Associates, Inc.. This authorization to release customer data expires one year from the signature date below.

Authorized Utility Customer Signature: _____
Print Name and Title of Person Signing: _____ Date: _____

Additional Utility Data Release

Additional Utility/Fuel Provider Name (s) _____ Account Number(s): _____

(circle all that apply) Natural Gas Fuel Oil Propane Diesel Other _____
The undersigned utility customer requests and authorizes (name utility company) _____, hereafter referred to as the utility company, to release historical energy consumption information to GDS Associates, Inc. GDS Associates, Inc. maintains confidentiality agreements with its contractors and subcontractors and this billing information will be kept confidential and used for GDS Associates, Inc. projects only. The utility customer also hereby releases the utility company from any and all liability arising from or connected with providing this information to GDS Associates, Inc.. This authorization to release customer data expires one year from the signature date below.

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Monthly Energy Costs

Average monthly electricity costs \$ _____ Average monthly heating/process fuel (specify fuel type) _____ costs: \$ _____
Average monthly transportation fuel (specify fuel type) _____ costs \$ _____

General Description of Existing Equipment

Provide a brief description of the types of major energy using equipment at the business site, along with its operation hours (please write hours per day and days per week).

Previous Energy Efficiency Projects

Has your business implemented energy efficiency practices or equipment in the last three years? Yes No
Has your business received energy efficiency incentives or rebates from Hawaii Energy or Kauai Island Utility Cooperative? Yes No
If yes, please briefly describe the energy efficiency practices and/or energy efficient equipment that have been installed.

Objective of Energy Audit

List the equipment or processes that the business feels are most important for the energy audit. Please also note if you are planning to install an energy-saving piece of equipment or implement an energy-saving practice in the near future.

Building Information (attach additional information if needed)

| Building Name | Building Type or Function | Total Square feet | Year Built or Renovated | Number of Stories | Previous audit available? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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This rural and agriculture energy audit program ("the program") is a USDA-funded program administered by the State of Hawaii's Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT). GDS Associates, Inc. has been contracted to provide energy audit services to the program.

Program Information and Requirements

Energy audit finance eligibility for this program is limited to rural small businesses and agricultural producers. A rural small business must be located in a rural area. An agriculture producer may be located in a rural or non-rural area. The USDA defines a rural area to be "a community of fewer than 50,000 people not located within a larger metropolitan area". An agricultural producer is an individual or entity directly engaged in the production of agricultural products (crops, livestock, forestry products, hydroponics, nursery, and aquaculture) whereby 50 percent or greater of their gross income is derived from the operations. A private entity is considered a small business in accordance with Small Business Administration's Small Business Size Standards. The Small Business Association guidelines for qualifying as a small business may be found at <http://www.sba.gov/content/table-small-business-size-standards>. Non-profit businesses are not eligible for USDA-REAP grants or loans for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements.

Applicants are required to list their business North American Industry Classification System (**NAICS**) code. NAICS codes can be found at the following web address: <http://www.naics.com/search.htm>. Common NAICS codes are provided on page 3 of this application form.

General Terms and Conditions

Disclaimers

1. The program is not responsible for any tax liability imposed on the audit applicant as a result of the payment of grants or other incentives.
2. The information provided in the energy audit report will be estimates based on professional energy audit standards.
3. The program is not responsible for the proper disposal or recycling of any waste generated as a result of this project.
4. The program does not endorse any particular product vendor, manufacturer, equipment, labor, or system design by offering this program.
5. The program does not guarantee that funding will be available for payment of grants or other incentives until this application is approved. Submission of the application does not warrant payment under any circumstances should the application not be approved or if funding is not available.

Indemnification and Limits of Liability

1. The audit applicant shall hold harmless the program and the program's agents, contractors, employees, officers, and directors from any and all liability, claims, loss, damage, death, or injury including reasonable attorneys fees and costs, arising out of or relating to the data collection, equipment installation, use and maintenance of the equipment, designs, practices or methods involved in this audit applicant's project.
2. In no event shall either the program, or any other indemnified party be liable for any punitive, exemplary, special, indirect, incidental or consequential damages (including, but not limited to, lost projects, lost business opportunities, loss of use or equipment down time, and loss of or corruption to data) arising out of or relating to this agreement, regardless of the legal theory under which such damages are sought.

Energy Audit Cost and Payment Information

Energy audits are partially funded by the United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Energy for America Program (USDA-REAP). USDA-REAP will cover 75% of the total audit cost. The energy audit applicant will be responsible to pay the remaining 25% of total audit costs in advance of receiving energy audit services. Full energy audit costs typically range from \$3000 to \$8000, depending on the facility. The 25% cost will be calculated on a case by case basis and you will be notified of the amount when your application for the energy audit is approved.

The undersigned has read and understands the application requirements and is an authorized representative of the applicant business. The undersigned has read and agrees that the business applying to the Rural Business Investment Grade Energy Audit Program meets eligibility requirements as described in the requirements listed on this application. The undersigned understands GDS Associates, Inc. will be providing an energy audit price quote based upon the information in this application. To the best of my knowledge, the statements made on this application are complete, true and correct, and I have submitted the appropriate supporting documentation as needed.

Authorized Applicant Signature:

Print Name and Title of Person Signing:

Date:

The applicant business North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code is required on Page 1 of this application. NAICS codes can be found at the following web address: <http://www.naics.com/search.htm>. Common NAICS codes are listed below.

Industry Title

Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting

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| 111150 | Corn Farming |
| 111160 | Rice Farming |
| 111199 | All Other Grain Farming |
| 111219 | Other Vegetable (except Potato) and Melon Farming |
| 111310 | Orange Groves |
| 111320 | Citrus (except Orange) Groves |
| 111333 | Strawberry Farming |
| 111334 | Berry (except Strawberry) Farming |
| 111335 | Tree Nut Farming |
| 111339 | Other Noncitrus Fruit Farming |
| 111411 | Mushroom Production |
| 111422 | Floriculture Production |
| 111930 | Sugarcane Farming |
| 112111 | Beef Cattle Ranching and Farming |
| 112120 | Dairy Cattle and Milk Production |
| 112210 | Hog and Pig Farming |
| 112310 | Chicken Egg Production |
| 112320 | Broilers and Other Meat Type Chicken Production |
| 112330 | Turkey Production |
| 112410 | Sheep Farming |
| 112420 | Goat Farming |
| 112511 | Finfish Farming and Fish Hatcheries |
| 112910 | Apiculture |

Manufacturing

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| 311211 | Flour Milling |
| 311212 | Rice Milling |
| 311314 | Cane Sugar Manufacturing |
| 311421 | Fruit and Vegetable Canning |
| 311422 | Specialty Canning |
| 311811 | Retail Bakeries |

Retail Trade

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| 445120 | Convenience Stores |
| 445210 | Meat Markets |
| 445220 | Fish and Seafood Markets |
| 445230 | Fruit and Vegetable Markets |
| 445291 | Baked Goods Stores |
| 452990 | All Other General Merchandise Stores |
| 453110 | Florists |
| 453220 | Gift, Novelty, and Souvenir Stores |
| 453310 | Used Merchandise Stores |

Finance and Insurance

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| 521110 | Monetary Authorities-Central Bank |
| 522110 | Commercial Banking |
| 522120 | Savings Institutions |
| 522130 | Credit Unions |

Accommodation and Food Services

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| 721110 | Hotels (except Casino Hotels) and Motels |
| 721191 | Bed-and-Breakfast Inns |
| 721211 | RV (Recreational Vehicle) Parks and Campgrounds |
| 722410 | Drinking Places (Alcoholic Beverages) |
| 722511 | Full-Service Restaurants |