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TO: Agency Directors, Weatherization Coordinators, and Fiscal Officers
FROM: Danielle Safford, Weatherization Program Coordinator
RE: USDOE State Plan updates 2026-27
DATE: 7/1/2026

Greetings,

Memo WX-2026-3 is being released to reflect changes that have been made to update the US DOE State Plan for 2026-27. With the delayed release of the application package and subsequent delayed release of funding, these changes will be in effect retroactively to July 1, 2026, once PY 26 funding is received and the state plan is officially released.

A copy of the Final Draft U.S. Department of Energy State Plan is available to view on Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) Web Site. When reviewed in conjunction with this Memo the changes should be more manageable.

Please find below a summary of adjustments that have been made to the Final Draft USDOE State Plan:

1.01 Overall main budget with allocations updated

348 planned units, ACPU=\$8,813

Health & Safety percentage has been raised from 15% to 20% of total program allocation

Removed 3.16.6 Use of Weatherization Funds for Renewable Energy Systems-no longer an allowable use of funds.

3.15.6 included required language-*Any unapproved activities not covered under a NEPA determination, or the Program Agreement will be deemed unallowable and subject to repayment.*

3.10.1 **Expenditure Report**-Included language to say Subgrantees shall enter completions and expenditures into the OPUS database within 30 days of a completed project.

2.12.6 Special populations Option 3: OHCS can provide referrals for tribal organizations to apply and be directly funded through DOE.

All references to REM/Design have been changed to REM

2.08.2 Weatherization Readiness Funds-language added *Awards are determined case by case. The maximum investment of \$20,000 is not absolute and may be exceeded when justified.*

WRF and weatherization work must be fully completed in 150 days

T&TA Plan

Removed all references to REM/Design, now simply REM.

Section 1.0 General Information

- Reimbursement for the time to attend required trainings must be reasonable and based on specific labor rates (i.e. per contract agreement) or other available data.

Section 3.0 Workforce Credentials

- Aligned certification requirements with BPI 5-year certification scheme.
- Aligned Certification requirements with current OTI certification scheme.

Section 5.0 Technical Assistance

- Programmatic/ Administrative support- removed mention of COVID.
- Technical support- OHCS field representatives make annual monitoring visits. One of the Goals of onsite visit is to assess the need for training. OHCS T&TA staff will evaluate monitoring reports and if deficiencies are found, refers Monitoring staff to provide training onsite or refers the training to an approved training provider OTI or other pre-approved training providers for follow-up.

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