

## GEC Offers Financial Assistance For Energy Projects

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Governor's Energy Council is offering approximately \$115,000 in grants to Pennsylvania farms, businesses, industries and institutions which are interested in developing energy projects which use wood, agricultural residues, animal wastes, energy crops, or similar biomass. There are restrictions on the types of technology eligible for this program other than the requirement that the systems must use biomass to produce usable energy.

There will be two categories of grants available. The first category will be grants for studies to examine the technical and economic feasibility of a proposed biomass energy system. The GEC will pay for 50 percent of the cost of such studies, up to a maximum grant of \$10,000. The GEC expects that these grants will be most useful to firms needing detailed information about the feasibility of large biomass energy projects.

The second category of assistance will be grants for project development costs in-


curred in the actual design, licensing, and construction of biomass energy projects. Because of restrictions on the use of the program funds, the GEC cannot provide assistance for wood energy equipment, but it can provide assistance for the various engineering, legal and related project development costs. The GEC will pay from 50 percent to

100 percent of the eligible project development costs (depending on the amount of the costs), up to a maximum grant of \$15,000. These grants are available to reimburse applicants for project development costs which will be incurred between January 9, 1987 and June 15, 1987.

All grants will be awarded on a competitive basis. Anyone in-

terested in this program should contact Teresa Peters, the secretary for the GEC's renewable energy office, and request a copy of the Biomass Energy Assistance Program application. Her telephone number is (717) 783-9981, and her mailing address is Governor's Energy Council, P.O. Box 8010, Harrisburg, PA 17105.

Grant applications are due at the GEC on November 10, 1986.



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