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Goal: To provide Recovery Act recipients with the tools, resources and assistance needed to implement sustainable clean energy programs that support job creation and energy reductions at the state, local, and tribal level.

Guiding Principles

- Team Approach
 - HQ Technical Assistance Team
 - DOE Project Officers
 - Regional Coordinating Teams
 - Resource Providers
 - Virtual Technical Assistance Center
- Streamlined assistance, minimizing layers of bureaucracy
- Dynamic and flexible framework, capable of responding to user needs and growing as demand requires

Approach Strategy

- Establishing *regional coordinators* that 1) connect state, local, and tribal governments to technical assistance resources and 2) identify emerging trends and training needs
- Focusing on *highly leveraged projects* that maximize the ratio of private investment to ARRA funds
- Designing *policies and programs* that extend beyond the Recovery Act period

Resource Delivery

- Online: best practices, how-to guides, templates, webinars, project map, community forum, events calendar
- Provider network: one-on-one assistance, workshops, peer matching

Existing

- Online resource – Solution Center
- Technical Assistance Program – TA providers at Natl. Labs
- Financial Team
- NASEO Regional Coordinators
- TA Working Group

In Process

- Solution Center 2.0 (live Feb. 16)
- Expanded TA network (live mid Mar.)

Type of Technical Assistance	National Labs	Expanded Network
Technical Support	✓	
Building Retrofits – Performance Contracting	✓	✓
Financing	✓	✓
Program Design & Implementation	✓	✓
State & Local Capacity Building		✓

Financial Market Development Team

- DOE assembled a team of finance experts with background in:
 - Designing financing programs
 - Raising capital & accessing investors
 - Creating credit enhancements
- This group of experts is available to help you develop your finance programs
- Technical assistance comes in several forms:
 - Webinars
 - Memoranda on key finance issues
 - Tailored assistance: Assistance is available by telephone/e-mail or in-person upon request. We can come to you and offer tailored help to meet your needs.

- TA is available now via the existing Solution Center (<http://www.eecbg.energy.gov/solutioncenter/default.html>)

The screenshot shows the 'Solution Center' page for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program. The header includes the U.S. Department of Energy logo and the program name. A navigation menu lists 'About the Program', 'Solution Center', 'Grantees', 'Information Resources', 'Financial Opportunities', and 'Home'. The main content area is titled 'Solution Center' and features a sidebar with links to 'Webcasts', 'Eligible Activities', 'Application Resources', and 'Financial Products'. The main text describes the Solution Center as the home for technical assistance resources and lists several key activities: accessing information on eligible activities, learning about webcast series, reviewing application resources (including model strategies and worksheets), and finding links to other information resources. A 'What's New' section highlights 'ARRA Technical Assistance', stating that grantees can now apply for technical assistance through DOE's Technical Assistance Project for State and Local Officials. Below this, 'Revolving Loans Funding' is mentioned as an encouraged activity. A search bar and a 'FEATURES' section with sample strategy attachments are also visible on the right side of the page.

- Request TA here from the Technical Assistance Program

Accessing TA – COMING SOON

The screenshot shows a web-based form for requesting technical assistance. The title is "EECBG/SEP Technical Assistance". The form is divided into several sections:

- Assistance Request Form:** Includes a checkbox for "Partnership Request" and a dropdown for "Partnership Name".
- Location for Assistance:** Fields for "Address & Line 1", "Address & Line 2", "City", and "Zip Code".
- Requester Information:** Fields for "First Name", "Last Name", "E-mail", and "Phone".
- Partnership Contact:** Fields for "First Name", "Last Name", "E-mail", and "Phone".
- Assistance Request:** A large text area for describing the request.
- Expected Deliverables:** A text area for describing what the partnership should expect to receive.
- Estimate of Required Effort:** A dropdown for "Level of Effort" and a dropdown for "Time to Complete".
- Background Information:** A text area for providing information about the requester.
- Suggestions for Assistance Delivery and Other Information:** A text area for providing any other relevant information.

- Solution Center 2.0 will be live Feb. 16 (<http://wip.energy.gov/solutioncenter>)
- Request TA here via a simple form
 - Contact info
 - Identify your TA needs
- Or call TAP Call Center (number forthcoming)