



**STATE OF ARIZONA
SCHOOL FACILITIES BOARD**

**Governor of Arizona
Janice K. Brewer**

**Executive Director
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Dear School Districts:

Through the Federal ARRA stimulus funds, Governor Brewer has directed approximately \$5 million to the School Facilities Board for the purchase of solar energy panels for schools. School Facilities Board staff along with the Governor's office and the Federal Department of Energy has decided to target these funds to small school districts.

Focusing on small school districts allows the SFB to impact as many districts as possible as well as providing a solar system that will have a meaningful impact on the school district.

Therefore, the only criterion the SFB will use to determine eligibility is total district square footage. School districts will be ordered based on total gross square footage. SFB staff will then work with each district to determine the appropriate size and cost of the solar project. Projects will be capped at 30 kilowatts. Because each project will be unique, the cost of each project is currently unknown and the number of districts that will be awarded is also unknown. Further, some district facilities may have physical limitations that eliminate them from eligibility. Due to these unknowns, it is impossible at this time to say how many or which districts will be awarded projects. However, based on the average cost of solar photovoltaic, SFB staff estimates that the grant will cover approximately 25 school districts.

Since project selection will be based on total square footage, there is no general application process or application form. SFB staff will contact eligible districts directly to determine if the eligible districts are interested in the program and if the facilities can accommodate solar photovoltaic. The information requested is simple and if necessary, SFB staff will help districts complete the forms. Outside consultants at this stage of the program are not necessary, and will not be funded by the SFB.

If there are any questions regarding this program, please contact John Arnold at 602-542-6147 or at jarnold@azsfb.gov.