

**Resolution of the Massachusetts Energy Efficiency Advisory Council
Regarding EEAC Consultant Contract, Budget and Work Plan for 2012**

Adopted February 14, 2012

The Energy Efficiency Advisory Council (EEAC or Council) has selected a consulting team led by Optimal Energy, Inc. (Optimal) to provide expert consulting services for 2012. The EEAC looks forward to continuing the strong working relationship that has been developed between the Optimal Energy consultant team, Council members and PA representatives.

The Council recognizes the need exercise fiscal restraint and prudence, and believes that the attached 2012 EEAC Consultant Work Plan and Budget represent a reasonable and prudent investment for the Commonwealth. The Council's Executive Committee has reviewed and discussed the attached Optimal Energy 2012 Budget and Work Plan, and has voted to recommend its approval by the full Council.

The Council's Executive Committee has worked closely with Optimal Energy, Inc. in developing the 2012 EEAC Consultant Work Plan, ensuring that the Work Plan furthers the continued efforts of the Council to assist the Program Administrators in delivering energy efficiency programs in a manner consistent with the requirements set forth in the Green Communities Act (GCA). Using the 2011 plan as a framework, the 2012 Work Plan was developed taking into account current program experiences and Council priorities, and reflects the Council priority of the 2013-2015 Plan is a Council priority. The EEAC Executive Committee provided follow-up questions and comments on the Work plan to the Optimal Energy Consultant Team, which the Optimal Team addressed in writing and those questions, comments, and answers are included in the amendments to this resolution. The 2012 Optimal Energy budget is not to exceed \$1,550,000 million.

Be it resolved that the EEAC, having reviewed the Optimal Energy 2012 Consultant Work plan and amendments, approves the 2012 Optimal Energy Work plan with the amendments and the 2012 budget of \$1,550,000.

The EEAC, on the recommendation of the EEAC Executive Committee, resolves the following:

1. Approves the 2012 EEAC Consultant Work Plan submitted by Optimal Energy, Inc., as amended and clarified.
2. Approves an EEAC Consultant Budget for calendar 2012 in the amount of \$1.55 million, as detailed in the attachments to this resolution. Optimal expenditures during the year will be reviewed by the Executive Committee on a quarterly basis to ensure they are on track.
3. Directs DOER to execute a contract with Optimal to cover the period from February 14, 2012 to December 31, 2012 as noted above, and to request DPU approval of the EEAC budget for 2012 in the amount of \$1.55 million.