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Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Begins Releasing Solar Rebates to Florida Consumers

Eligible Applicants To Receive Rebates from Solar Energy Systems Incentives Program

Tallahassee, FL – The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services announced today that it has begun issuing consumer rebates for previously purchased solar energy systems. Since assuming responsibilities of the state’s Energy Office on July 1, Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam has made paying the rebates a priority, taking the necessary steps to enable the Department to quickly process rebate applications and gather the required documentation from consumers and utility providers.

“Over the last three months, we have worked tirelessly to review every application that was submitted to the office under the Solar Energy Systems Incentives Program and I am happy to report that our review and due diligence is complete,” said Commissioner Putnam.

“Consumers across the state will begin receiving their rebate this week.”

Due to the overwhelming number of applications for a solar rebate, the original funding for the Solar Energy Systems Incentives Program was quickly depleted by June 2009. However, in 2010, the Florida Legislature passed House Bill 15 A, which provided additional funding for the program to ensure that all eligible applicants were rewarded for their investments in solar energy systems. This legislation requires that rebates be calculated by dividing the total amount of available funds by the total dollar value of approved applications.

Based on the total appropriation and the 8,800 approved rebate applications, each consumer will receive approximately 52 percent of their requested rebate amount.

Additional information can be found at www.freshfromflorida.com/solarrebate. Consumers can check the status of their rebate application by contacting the Energy Office at [850-487-3800](tel:850-487-3800) or energy@freshfromflorida.com.

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