

Call for expressions of interest

A review of the delivery tools used to improve hard-to-treat homes

The Energy Efficiency Partnership for Homes (EEPH) is calling for expressions of interest from contractors to undertake research into the delivery tools available to improve Hard-to-Treat (HTT) homes.

The aim of this research exercise is to inform those responsible for delivering to government targets of the key routes to tackling HTT properties by providing a review all tools for effective delivery of measures, including how to tackle and improve pockets of hard-to-treat properties using community-based approaches. This will help to inform practitioners of how best to deliver their targets against typically ignored housing stock.

Outcomes

The following are desired outcomes from the research and published report:

- ❑ Understanding amongst all stakeholders of the tools for delivery of HTTH measures and the linkages between all schemes, new and emerging technologies, communities and HTT properties;
- ❑ Clearer understanding of the role of HTTH within policy frameworks when announced;
- ❑ Stimulation of markets for typical HTTH measures, leading to potential employment expansion in the are;
- ❑ Identification of guidance for future policy and schemes to increase the uptake of measures for HTT homes;

Objectives

1. Review all current tools and approaches used to install measures into HTT properties including an overview of the merits and weakness of different schemes;
2. Consider how these delivery tools can be exploited to increase uptake in HTTH installed measures;
3. Provide guidance on how to tackle and improve pockets of hard-to-treat properties using community-based approaches;
4. Highlight examples of best practice working relating to given measures/approaches, giving consideration to innovation activities for future developers
5. Establish potential routes for installing measures once CESP and other policies becomes more defined;
6. Give clarity on the use of available technical solutions (community heating, CHP, large scale renewables, large scale insulation projects, etc) where gaps are identified in existing literature, and highlight examples where installed solutions have not been the most appropriate;
7. Give clarity on the current initiatives that are either community led or only work because they are able to bring to bear localized economies of scale, to include possible financing options;
8. Overview current routes used to engage the private rented sector and owner occupiers;
9. Review and inform of issues and barriers;
10. Recommended messages for future policy;
11. Recommend strategies for effective delivery of measures to hard-to-treat properties in light of findings and possible new policy measures (such as CESP and potential financing options when announced);

Deliverables

The research exercise will include a research report, a summary for the EEPH website, a seminar presentation of the research and dissemination of the findings. The detail of these deliverables will be clarified in a call for tenders.

Timescales

The draft for the report will be scheduled for early December, with finalisation and a presentation taking place in early 2010.

Budget

The allotted budget to cover the whole exercise is in the region of £20,000.

Call for Expressions of Interest

We are calling for expressions of interest from contractors with capacity to deliver this project. In assessing potential bidders we will be looking for the following:

- Extensive knowledge and experience of hard-to-treat homes and sustainable energy issues
- Extensive research experience, and credibility as researchers with government and other stakeholders
- Experience of producing clear guidance for a variety of audiences
- Understanding of national government policy issues and experience and understanding of local authorities community focussed organisations

Responding to this call for Expressions of Interest

Contractors should submit a document of a maximum 3 A4 pages presenting their organisations' skills and capability to undertake the project. Information about the individual staff who would be involved in delivering the project will be welcome, though is not essential. Please do not provide information at this stage about how you would deliver the project.

Please return your EoI to Ross Mitchell ross.mitchell@eeph.org.uk copying Emily Bacon emily.bacon@eeph.org.uk by the **deadline of midday, Wednesday 8th July 2009**. Following selection of bidders, a call for tenders will be issued.

We will acknowledge receipt of all expressions of interest via email.

Disclaimer

This call for expressions for interest does not constitute a commitment on the part of the Energy Saving Trust or the Energy Efficiency Partnership for Homes to commission any external contractor to undertake this project, or to proceed to issuing a call for tenders.