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Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Funding Workshop at the MATE Show in Billings

Farmers, ranchers and rural businesses who want to cut energy costs are invited to attend “Tapping Clean Energy for Rural Montana” workshops that will be held at Metra Park in Billings on February 17. The workshop will describe what’s needed to secure loans, grants or rebates for energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies.

The day-long workshop will be held at the Yellowstone Room in conjunction with the MATE show. “This workshop is for anyone who wants ALL the details on what’s required to obtain energy loans, grants or rebates,” said Al Kurki of the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT), one of the workshop co-sponsors. “Irrigators who are looking to cut energy costs will find this workshop of particular interest” Kurki went on to say.

Attendees of the Clean Energy Funding workshops will receive educational materials and sample applications that can be used with REAP and other loan/grant applications. In addition, workshop participants can visit with renewable energy, irrigation equipment and other companies to see what technologies qualify for loans, grants and rebates. These vendors are right next door at the MATE Show.

The registration fee for this workshop is \$50. The registration deadline for both is February 11th. Registration is required. For more information about the workshop or to register, go to www.ncat.org/meetings, or call 1-800-275-6228.

The “Tapping Clean Energy Opportunities” workshop is sponsored by NCAT along with the Joliet Food & Ag Center at Beartooth RC&D, Montana Dakota Utilities, Harvesting Clean Energy, Montana DEQ’s Renewable Energy Program, NPRC, MEDA, NorthWestern Energy and the Montana Department of Agriculture, in partnership with USDA Rural Development in Montana.

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