



Good news for Pennsylvania! The PA Sunshine Program as of Jan. 26, 2013 will be out of the waiting list phase and back in an active rebate mode, thanks to the allocation of \$7.25 million in final Act 1 of 2008 funding from the Commonwealth Financing Authority. DEP will begin processing the rebates for all completed projects beginning next week. Supposedly there are over 400 projects completed and awaiting processing for payment, and it will take DEP many weeks to process all payments.

PA Sunshine Contractors should watch Powerclerk for payment status updates. In addition, DEP has amended the Sunshine Program guidelines in order to stream-line the rebate application process, keep the program moving along smoothly and provide more certainty in the program as we pay out the final \$7.25 million in funding. A preview of the guideline amendments that go into effect on January 26, 2013, when they are posted in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, are as follows:

- Implementation of a new one-step application procedure process which will remove the previous reservation process and only approve projects for rebate payments upon completion and approval of the project by Sunshine Staff. The Sunshine Program will now be a first come, first served rebate process.

- All existing applications in the system that were reserved/approved for construction by the PA Sunshine Program will have to be completed by June 1st, 2013 in order to insure payment. After June 1st, 2013 these projects will be considered for rebate payment on a first come, first served basis.

- Remaining rebate funds will be updated, approximately weekly, on the PA Sunshine Website at www.dep.state.pa.us, keyword: PA Sunshine.

- The PA Sunshine Program will close, upon the exhaustion of the final \$7.25 million in funds before or by December 31, 2013, whichever occurs first.

DEP is hosting a Sunshine Solar Program webinar Tuesday, Feb. 12 from 2-3 p.m. to outline these changes and answer any related questions. Link to register for the event - <https://copa.webex.com/copa/onstage/g.php?t=a&d=647494695>

If you have any problem registering, contact DEP's Applications Support Help Desk at 717.705.3768, or by email at dep-efacthelpdeskteam@pa.gov

Also see the news release about this announcement at DEP's website at <http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/newsroom/14287?id=19835&typeid=1>

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