

## Federal Quick Start Program

### Scope of Activities

Federal agencies are provided lists of their properties in BPA load following service areas and descriptions of typical energy efficiency measures that meet the Conservation Augmentation Program willingness to pay criteria. Agencies are also provided limited technical support for definition of load reduction projects.

After estimates of annual savings and the costs of implementation are completed, offers are reviewed against ConAug willingness to pay criteria. If measures meet the ConAug price criteria, BPA offers to implement those measures for the federal agency. If additional measures are desired by the agency, they must pay for those measures and reimburse BPA using Economy Act agreements or other contracts to make payments to BPA.

Usually no contracts are needed to implement Quick Start Federal projects (unless the agency is contributing funds). For most projects, BPA provides turnkey project design, specification, procurement, implementation, and inspection for the federal agency. Those costs are accounted for and considered when estimating project costs.

BPA requires agency certification that the properties to be improved are expected to remain in use for at least seven or eight years, to avoid any potential for stranded investment. BPA also requires agency certification that no agency funds or private financing exists or is anticipated in a specific fiscal year to implement the planned load reduction measures. BPA funds are scarce and must not be used to substitute for those agency funds. BPA funds must produce incremental conservation that would otherwise not be delivered.

Overall program management & direction, decision-making, tracking, and reporting is provided by the Quick Start program manager. BPA Energy Efficiency engineers and public utility specialists provide project management functions. BPA Corporate Purchasing provides procurement support for Quick Start projects, acquiring engineering support, material, suppliers, and installation contractors for project managers. NSRI provides engineering and proposal analysis support.