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Senator David Johnson, Co-Chair  
Representative Greg Leding, Co-Chair  
Sustainable Building Design & Practices Task Force  
Arkansas State Capitol  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

RE: Sustainable Building Revolving Loan Fund -- Review Committee

Dear Senator Johnson and Representative Leding:

The Sustainable Building Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) administered by the Arkansas Building Authority continues to make good progress through its loaning and administering of funds made possible by our legislature in 2009. In fact, we have just finalized the last of the loan agreements which utilized the ARRA funding thereby meeting the March 31, 2012 deadline. The great news is that the State has secured 100% of the ARRA funding made available through the Arkansas Energy Office in the amount of \$11,370,000 and these funds will continue to be recycled through the loan program making funding available for many more energy-efficiency projects for state facilities.

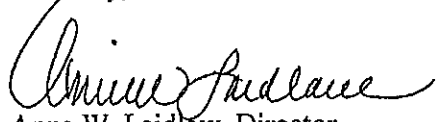
As we continue to fine tune the details of the program, I wanted to call to your attention a change that has occurred within this past year that impacts the Revolving Loan Fund Review Committee. The rules for the RLF provides for a five (5) person Review Committee, two of which are appointed from the Sustainable Building Design & Practices Task Force. In 2010, the two members of the task force appointed by the co-chairs were: Martha Jane Murray of the Clinton Climate Initiative, and Alan Hope, President of Powers of Arkansas. During the most recent appointments to the task force, I noticed that Alan Hope is no longer a member of the task force, and therefore I find it appropriate to ask your consideration for a new appointment from the task force to the RLF Review Committee. The Review Committee is charged with the review of each loan project application submitted to ensure that the proposed project meets the minimum program criteria, including a Life Cycle Cost Analysis and supported energy savings payback before making a recommendation to the ABA Director for approval. While Ms. Murray and Alan Hope have both been valued members of the committee, contributing their time and expertise to the review process, I recognize that the Rules require that both members be members of the task force, therefore necessitating a new appointment.

With that being said, I would ask your consideration in making a replacement appointment from the current task force membership for Alan Hope, Powers of Arkansas. In addition to Ms. Murray, the other three Review Committee members are:

- One (1) designee from the Department of Finance & Administration – Kate Hickey, Office of Accounting
- One (1) designee from the Arkansas Energy Office of the AEDC – Scott Hamilton, AEO Director
- One (1) designee from the ABA Design Review Section – Floyd Farmer, State Engineer.

I appreciate your consideration for this request, and ask that you please do not hesitate to ask if I may provide you more information as to the role of the review committee members and how their specific disciplines assist in the review process. Please feel free to call me at 501-682-5568 or [alaidlaw@aba.state.ar.us](mailto:alaidlaw@aba.state.ar.us) if you would like to discuss further.

Sincerely,



Anne W. Laidlaw, Director

C: Charles Thomas, ABA Revolving Loan Fund Manager