Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto Inc.

Learn About Renewable Energy Opportunities for Your Co-op at a March 11 meeting

Seventy million dollars in funding has been set aside over the next year for "renewable energy" projects in social housing under Ontario's **Renewable Energy Initiative** (REI).

This is part of the Social Housing Renovation and Retrofit Program (SHRRP). SHRA co-ops are eligible for this funding – federal co-ops are not. The detailed guidelines for the Renewable Energy Initiative will be announced shortly.

Learn more about this technology and the funding available at an information meeting organized by CHFT on **Thursday, March 11, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at Peggy and Andy Brewin Housing Co-op, 77 Charles Street East, in the meeting room.

As well, co-ops can generate revenue through the new **Feed-In-Tariff program** (FIT) operated by the Ontario Power Authority. You earn money by installing a solar photovoltaic system on your roof and selling the electricity back into the grid at a premium price. This opportunity is open to both SHRA and federal co-ops.

A new company, Innoserve Solar, has been set up to help you take advantage of these opportunities. Innoserve Solar will provide specialized solar services to co-ops and other non-profit housing providers. It is owned by members of the Ontario non-profit housing sector and its purpose is to earn money to support co-op and non-profit housing.

658 Danforth Avenue, Suite 306, Toronto, Ontario M4J 5B9

Telephone: (416) 465-8688 Fax: (416) 465-8337 E-mail: info@coophousing.com

Web site: www.coophousing.com

Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto Inc.

With Innoserve Solar, you can get:

- an assessment of your co-op as a potential site
- a system proposal tailored to your co-op
- help with planning and installing the solar photovoltaic system
- help with the ongoing maintenance and monitoring of the system.

SHRA co-ops can get funding to pay for all or part of the cost of the photovoltaic system through the REI. Or SHRA co-ops and federal co-ops that can't cover the capital cost of buying the system could have it installed as part of a roof lease arrangement and earn a smaller amount of revenue.

Please contact Angela Calderone at 416 465-8688 extension 206, or angela@coophousing.com, to register.

658 Danforth Avenue, Suite 306, Toronto, Ontario M4J 5B9

Telephone: (416) 465-8688 Fax: (416) 465-8337 E-mail: info@coophousing.com

Web site: www.coophousing.com