



Government Assistance Programs Service – GAPS

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Subscriber Description of Need

The manufacturing facility operates a coal fired boiler system to generate steam and 3.5Mw electricity from a turbine. The firm is not eligible for direct funding support through the emissions intensive trade exposed industries compensation program of the impending Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme. As a result, the decision has been taken to replace the existing coal fired boiler with either a natural gas or a wood waste boiler and to attract any available renewable energy credits. Any government support for feasibility, detailed scoping or construction and operations assistance would reduce the financial pressure on the firm.

Available Government Assistance Programs

Options

There are quite limited potential programs that could be accessed from Federal government departments. After a search through six Federal Departments, the most clearly available is the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research's Retooling for Climate Change Fund.

Details can be found at <http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/InnovationandRandD/RetoolingforClimateChange/Pages/RCCFundingOffers.aspx>.

Recommendation

We recommend that the firm approach AusIndustry which administers the Retooling for Climate Change Fund as this appears to represent the best option for the firm's needs. It is important to note that grants are capped at a maximum of \$500,000 and 50% of total project cost. There are continuing rounds of this fund.

If the firm becomes focussed on biofuels from ethanol or the production of bio-diesel, there may be other options to consider, including a tax concession program run by the ATO.

Further Assistance from CarbonEdge

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