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SUBJECT: Social Housing Services Corporation (SHSC) – Green Light Initiative**Background:**

The SHSC's Green Light Initiative (GLI) pilot to lower energy use and green house gas emissions is nearing completion. Over the past two years, 41 providers in Ontario with more than 8,000 units have undergone or are about to begin implementing energy efficiency measures. The pilot program anticipates a potential reduction of at least 4,500 tonnes of green house gases and utility savings in excess of \$1.5 million per year.

Programs:

The GLI is involved in several energy-saving programs and provides tools to housing providers to lower energy use.

Green Light Loan

A Green Light loan is available through SHSC to help housing providers pay for energy conservation measures. The SHSC can facilitate, through the Ontario Power Authority, an interest buy-down on the loan for providers who wish to implement eligible conservation measures.

Gas and Utility Company Incentives

The SHSC continues to work with local distribution companies across Ontario to enhance and develop future incentives for energy conservation.

Utility Management System

An important component of a housing provider's energy management plan is the measurement of long-term energy cost savings. The SHSC offers an online tool that enables providers to track utility data and calculate energy savings over time.

Green Vendor List

To assist housing providers in choosing energy efficient products and suppliers, the SHSC has created a list of vendors who meet high standards for energy efficiency and offer competitive prices.

Working with Government Partners

The SHSC is working with Natural Resources Canada to link social housing and the GLI to their recently announced ecoENERGY initiatives, which are designed to help boost clean-energy supplies and encourage Canadians to use energy more efficiently. More details will be announced as they become available.

All non-profit and co-operative housing corporations are eligible to participate in these energy-saving programs. Housing providers who wish to take advantage of the GLI initiatives are required to complete an application form. The application form can be downloaded from the SHSC website at:

www.shscorp.ca/content.aspx?file=Energy/GLIApplication.htm

The completed application form can be faxed to SHSC at (416) 594-9422 or mailed to:

Green Team
Social Housing Services Corporation
390 Bay Street, Ste 710
Toronto, ON M5H 2Y2

Housing providers who have already submitted a GLI application do not need to resubmit. An SHSC green team member will contact providers to discuss GLI tools and resources. For more information on the GLI initiatives, housing providers can contact a green team member at energy@shscorp.ca or by phone at (416) 594-9325.

Service Manager's Role:

Niagara Regional Housing encourages housing providers to apply to the SHSC to take advantage of the GLI tools and resources.

Housing Provider's Role:

Housing Providers are required to complete and return an SHSC application form to take advantage of the energy conservation initiatives.

If you have any other questions or concerns regarding this notice, please contact your Housing Administrator at (905) 682-9201.

(Original signed by Lora Beckwith)

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