

GOVERNMENT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS
VIRGIN ISLANDS ENERGY OFFICE



**ENERGY EFFICIENCY & RENEWABLE ENERGY
FINANCIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM
CONSUMER INFORMATION PACKAGE**

2021 - 2022



“THIS PROGRAM IS SUPPORTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY UNDER AWARD EE0009493”





REBATES ARE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

LAST UPDATED NOVEMBER 2021

PROGRAM COMMENCEMENT DATE

November 26, 2021 – September 30, 2022

(or the exhaustion of funds, whichever comes first)

The VIEO will not accept any applications for purchases made BEFORE the official launch date!			
40% Rebates for Outdoor Solar Lighting, Solar Water Heaters, Portable Power Stations with Solar Panels, and select ENERGY STAR® products			
Total rebate not to exceed \$5,000 per program cycle			
Eligible items must be purchased from a USVI business!			
Solar Water Heater Systems		Outdoor Solar Lighting	
Maximum two (2) solar water heater systems per program cycle		Battery-Powered Inverter Generators	
OG-100 Collector 120 Gallons or less	OG-300 System 120-Gallons or less	Portable Power Stations with Solar Panels	
Solar Water Heater Systems MUST be purchased from a VIEO Approved Vendor		Must be approved or listed by the Underwriters Laboratories (UL)	
MUST BE ICC-SRCC™ CERTIFIED		MAXIMUM BATTERY CAPACITY 5,000 WATT-HOURS	 
 			
** Applicant must provide a copy of the contractor's USVI business license to qualify for a rebate on the installation of the solar water heater system not installed by a VIEO Approved Vendor			
Look for the ENERGY STAR® label for the following products:			
Air Purifiers (Room Air Cleaners)		Imaging Equipment (Printers)	
Ceiling Fans		Light Fixtures	
Clothes Dryers (Electric & Gas)		Refrigerators	
Clothes Washers		Roof Coating	
Commercial & Residential Dishwashers		Skylights	
Commercial & Residential Freezers		Smart Thermostats	
Computers (Desktops, Laptops, Slates and Tablets)		Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS)	
Dehumidifiers		Ventilation Fans	
Doors		Water Coolers	
Gas Tankless Water Heaters		Windows	
Heat Pump Water Heaters		(Low-emissivity (Low-E) glazing, Awning, Casement, Double-hung, Fixed, Hopper, and Sliding Types)	



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Please check off and attach all of the following: *(INCOMPLETE AND UNSIGNED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED)*

- ☐ Completed rebate application *(all highlighted areas filled out)*
- ☐ Completed IRS W-9 form *(with mailing address noted)*
- ☐ USVI government issued identification
- ☐ **ORIGINAL** sales receipt *(photocopies will not be accepted)*
- ☐ **ENERGY STAR®** product verification information

For small business & Non-Profit organizations:

- ☐ USVI business license
- ☐ VI WAPA electric bill
- ☐ Non-Profit or Not-for-Profit documents

Verified & Received by VIEO: _____
Employee's Initial/Date

Section A: Applicant Information

Name: (Last, First, Middle Initial) _____

Business or Entity Name: _____ ☐ **Non-Profit/Not-for-Profit**

Social Security Number or EIN: _____ **E-mail Address:** _____

Installation/Physical Address: _____

Current Mailing Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **Mobile/Cell:** _____ **Historic Building:** ☐ Yes ☐ No

Section B: Approved Vendor and Product Information

Place of Purchase: _____	Item Purchased: _____
Address: _____	Brand Name: _____
City/State/Zip _____	Model #: _____
Vendor's Signature: _____	Serial #: _____
Item Price: _____	Purchase Date: _____
Quoted Rebate: _____	Receipt/Invoice #: _____

I certify that all information supplied herein is true and correct. I understand that the VIEO reserves the right to inspect items to ensure installation at the above address. Failure to install rebate items at the address listed above will result in repayment or return of rebate funds. **I understand that non-compliance with the rebate program rules and regulations is considered fraudulent and prosecutable, and that payment is contingent on the availability of funds.**

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ **DATE** _____

QUESTIONNAIRE

- Are you buying this item as a ☐ homeowner ☐ tenant ☐ landlord ☐ small business owner?
- Is the installation ☐ single-family residence ☐ 2-4 family residence ☐ condominium ☐ commercial space?
- Major reason for making this purchase ☐ replacement ☐ necessity ☐ remodeling ☐ new home/business ☐ energy savings
- If a replacement, is the new unit a ☐ smaller size ☐ same size ☐ larger size ☐ an additional unit
- Would you have purchased this item if the rebate were not offered? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- What will you do with the old item? ☐ discard ☐ give away ☐ sell ☐ trade-in ☐ continue to use

PLEASE HELP US DETERMINE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PROGRAM BY ANSWERING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- Have you received a rebate from the VIEO before? If yes, year(s) _____
 Item(s): _____
- Household size: ☐ 1-3 ☐ 4-6 ☐ 7 or more
- Household income: ☐ \$19,000-\$39,999 ☐ \$40,000+

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

WHO CAN APPLY?	HOW TO APPLY?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ This rebate offer applies only to legal residents of the U.S. Virgin Islands. To claim residency, applicant MUST be domiciled (established as your PRIMARY residence) in the Territory. The VIEO reserves the right to request proof of residency, i.e., VI income tax return or USVI government issued identification (<i>driver's license, voter's ID card, or senior citizen ID card</i>). ◆ Small businesses (VI WAPA electric bill with an average of 2,500 kWh/month or less) ◆ Non-profits or Not-for-Profit organizations ◆ REBATES ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR GOVERNMENT PURCHASES. ◆ Applicants may submit a separate application as an individual resident, as well as a small business owner. Applicants can submit one application as an individual and one as a small business owner, each not to exceed a rebate amount of \$5,000. The IRS W-9 information must reflect the respective mailing address. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Rebate applications MUST be submitted to the VIEO within 30 CALENDAR DAYS of purchase – NO EXCEPTION! ◆ Applications can be obtained from the VIEO offices, online at energy.vi.gov and Facebook @VirginIslandsEnergyOffice, or participating vendors. ◆ Name on the rebate application, IRS W-9 form, and sale receipt MUST be the same! ◆ COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION including the questionnaire, which is used for data collection in determining future grant opportunities. ◆ Make sure that the vendor completes and signs Section B. ◆ Submit in person to: Virgin Islands Energy Office <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ST. CROIX – #2 Estate Carlton, Suite 3, Frederiksted ○ ST. THOMAS – 8000 Nisky Center, 2nd Floor, Suite 208 ◆ Send by email to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ST. CROIX – melissa.carter@eo.vi.gov ○ ST. THOMAS – molissa.brin@eo.vi.gov ◆ Apply online at https://energy.vi.gov
WHAT DO YOU NEED?	PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Rebate application ◆ IRS W-9 form (<i>with applicant's mailing address</i>) ◆ USVI government issued identification (<i>driver's license, voter's ID card, or senior citizen ID card</i>) ◆ Original sales receipt with the product information and pricing itemized. The receipt or invoice must show that ALL items were “paid in full” or show a zero balance. Rebates are processed <u>after</u> payment of the full invoice amount. ◆ ENERGY STAR® product verification. Visit www.energystar.gov/productfinder/, to download the product information sheet or provide the EnergyGuide label, product packaging, appliance or user manual showing the ENERGY STAR® logo (<i>with the model number clearly indicated</i>) ◆ Small commercial business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current business license ○ VI WAPA electric bill ◆ Non-profit or Not-for-Profit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 501(c)(3) Verification Letter ○ Articles of Incorporation ○ Certificate of Good Standing <p>If you have any questions or need further assistance, please call our office in St. Croix at (340) 713-8436 or St. Thomas at (340) 714-8436.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ REBATES ARE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FEDERAL FUNDS. THEREFORE, THIS PROGRAM MAY BE TERMINATED AT ANY TIME WITHIN THE PROGRAM CYCLE. ◆ All eligible items MUST be purchased from a business in the U.S. Virgin Islands. ◆ The eligible rebate amount cannot exceed \$5,000 per household per program cycle. ◆ The VIEO reserves the right to share payment (rebate) information with the VI Bureau of Internal Revenue. ◆ The VIEO reserves the right to inspect items to ensure that they are installed at the address listed on the rebate application. <u>Non-compliance will result in a request for the return of funds by the applicant and/or prosecution for fraud.</u> ◆ Pursuant to federal law 10 CFR§ 420.13(b)(6): The VIEO State Energy Program (SEP) will not implement any market title activity involving the purchase or installation of materials or equipment to weatherize or otherwise supplement its existing Weatherization Program(s) targeting low-income households. ◆ The VIEO reserves the right to add, delete or change the program rules at our discretion. Modification to the rebate application is not allowed.

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

► Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

**Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.**

Print or type.
See Specific Instructions on page 3.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.	
2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes. <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ► _____ Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ► _____	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ <small>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</small>
5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.	Requester's name and address (optional)
6 City, state, and ZIP code	
7 List account number(s) here (optional)	

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number											
				-				-			
or											
Employer identification number											
				-							

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

**Sign
Here**

Signature of
U.S. person ►

Date ►

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)
Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.