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Financing Municipal Energy Efficiency in the CIS Forum

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The Alliance to Save Energy, a U.S. based bipartisan public-policy organization, is organizing a forum: **Financing Municipal Energy Efficiency in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS)**. This work is supported by the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP), and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The forum will take place on November 13-14 in Moscow, Russia. The Forum will be conducted in Russian and English with simultaneous translation.

The goal of the Forum is to enhance the capacity of local governments in the CIS to obtain financing for municipal energy efficiency projects. The Forum will demonstrate to local governments the characteristics and benefits of *energy efficiency financing mechanisms such as vendor credit, loans, leases, and performance contracting*. Through case studies, the Forum will demonstrate and disseminate successful energy efficiency project financing mechanisms that have allowed municipalities in CIS countries to stretch scarce resources, improve municipal services, and strengthen local governments. In addition, the Forum will feature successful experience of financing municipal energy efficiency in Bulgaria, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania that can serve as a model for replication by the CIS countries as they embark on an intensive quest to modernize infrastructure, and ensure energy independence through implementation of energy efficiency projects in the 21st century.

The Forum will stimulate the desire and capacity of local governments and financing institutions to properly develop the structure for financing projects that improve energy efficiency in *heating, public lighting, water supply and wastewater treatment*. The Forum will enable municipalities to provide better services that improve the health and prosperity of their residents. The municipalities will gain the necessary knowledge for obtaining substantial financing that should enable them to take on larger projects, which will produce significant monetary and energy savings, helping alleviate the burden of escalating energy costs.