



Eligible Expenditure

- Costs incurred **after** acceptance of the Letter of Offer
- Must comply with procurement guidelines
- Must agree procurement process with DARD **before** expenditure incurred
- Procurement process must be fair, open and transparent
- **Eligible:** Cost of capital equipment, installation and commissioning
- Fuel Storage and feeding equipment
- Boiler support structures
- Structures used for fuel storage




Heat Distribution System

- Generally not eligible
- Exception, if
- Heating distribution system being installed for the **first time, OR**
- Not **technically appropriate or cost effective** to incorporate biomass technology within existing system
- To be assessed by DARD appointed Technical Agent



Key Criteria

- Applicant must identify relevant consents eg planning permission, waste management licence
- All appropriate consents (planning) must be in place before a project can be considered for a grant award
- **Use of Energy** (a condition of Letter of Offer);
- **Majority** of Energy produced
- Must be used **on-farm**
- In **direct** support of **agricultural** activities
- "Majority" is in reference to the **total** amount of heat **and** electricity produced



Application Process

- Application Form & Information Brochure available on-line
- Requires Business Case (assistance at Annex D of Information Brochure)
- Hard copies available on request
- Closes Friday 30th November at 4pm



Post Application Process

- Assessment of eligibility within DARD
- Technical Agent completes Economic Appraisal
- Projects considered against selection criteria (outlined in Brochure)
- Letters of Offer provided to successful applications
- **Timeframe – Letter of Offers Spring 2013**



Level of Funding

- 40% of Total Project costs
- Maximum of €400,000
- Projects producing electricity - Capital element of NIROC to be taken into account
- Projects producing only heat - capital grant will affect eligibility for DETI administered Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI)
- RHI - to become available Autumn / Winter

