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Electric Efficiency Incentive Programs Available Now

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On June 1, 2008, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) introduced new energy efficiency incentive programs designed to reduce electrical energy usage, costs and demand across Illinois. The programs were developed by and are administered jointly with ComEd and Ameren Illinois Utilities*. They are by far the greatest opportunity Illinois has had for achieving energy efficiency standards.

The DCEO Bureau of Energy and Recycling administers energy efficiency programs and provides incentives for public sector facilities to invest in more efficient electric equipment and systems. These incentives are offered through public benefits funds provided by Ameren Illinois Utilities and ComEd electric bills and thus are restricted to customers in Ameren Illinois Utilities and ComEd electric service areas only.

DCEO INCENTIVES ARE AVAILABLE FOR:

- Public K-12 schools, colleges and universities
- State, local and federal government
- Public safety, water and park districts

YEAR 2 Public Sector Electric Efficiency Program Guidelines and Forms have been posted at www.illinoisenergy.org.

To encourage the Public Sector to implement electric savings measures, DCEO has made the following changes:

- The incentive cap you can apply for has increased from \$100,000 to \$200,000 per building.
- The incentive cap has increased from 50% to 75% of Total Project Cost (equipment + labor).
- Most of the Standard Incentives available have increased.
- The Custom Incentive has increased from \$.07 to \$.08 per annual kWh savings.
- New measures have been added to the Standard Incentive Program.

STANDARD INCENTIVE PROGRAM

This Program provides financial incentives through grants and rebates to public sector entities for the adoption and installation of common electric efficiency measures. Eligible measures include upgrades or retrofits of lighting, hvac, refrigeration and motor systems.

EXAMPLES

- \$7.50 per Lamp for T12 to T8 fluorescent lamp upgrade
- \$22.00 per Exit Sign for LED, T-1, or electroluminescent sign
- \$.11 per watt controlled for occupancy sensors
- \$50 per motor horsepower for variable speed drive controls
- \$33-\$55 per ton for room air conditioners
- \$100 ENERGY STAR® refrigerated vending machine

CUSTOM INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Custom Incentive Program provides incentives for electric efficiency improvements not covered by the Standard Incentive Program. The incentives are based on calculated savings of kilowatt hour reductions for specific projects and are subject to a set of defined caps. The Custom Incentive is \$.08 per annual kWh savings.

RETRO-COMMISSIONING PILOT PROGRAM

The Retro-Commissioning Pilot Program provides funding to public sector customers to identify and implement low cost tune-ups and adjustments that improve the electrical efficiency of existing operating systems. The pilot program is designed to improve the overall efficiency of public sector facilities by returning them to the intended operation or design specifications, with a focus on building control and HVAC systems. Retro-Commissioning (RCx) services are available for a limited number of qualifying facilities and will be delivered through a trained network of retro-commissioning providers operating in ComEd and Ameren Illinois service territories.

NEW CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

The New Construction Program provides incentives to public sector entities to encourage the energy efficient design of new buildings or renovations, alterations or additions to existing facilities. The incentives will be based on how far beyond the Illinois Energy Code the building or the building components will be constructed.

HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested in applying for incentives for any of the programs listed above go to our website at www.illinoisenergy.org and follow the *Energy Efficiency* link for a complete list of program guidelines and applications. If your municipality needs technical assistance with design decisions DCEO can connect you with our Smart Energy Design Assistance Center (SEDAC) or our Large-Customer Energy Analysis Program (LEAP) team who can identify opportunities for saving energy and money. You can also visit the SEDAC website at www.sedac.org.

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*While DCEO provides programs and incentives for public sector entities, Ameren (actonenergy.com) Illinois Utilities comprised of Ameren-CILCO, AmerenCIPS, AmerenIP and ComEd (comed.com) provide incentives for the private sector including commercial, industrial, non-profits and residential customers.

The 2009/2010 Training Season will begin again in December with Darin Burk of the ICC presenting Recording Keeping! These sessions are tentatively scheduled for early December. Be on the lookout for more information soon!

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IMGA Eligible Utility

Corn Belt Energy Corporation

October 4th through the 10th is Public Natural Gas Week!

**This is a great time to promote
your local gas system and the
benefits associated with a local
system:**

**Local Control
Competitive Costs
Economic Benefits
Customer Service**



Winter operations packets will be mailed in October again this year. The packets will include a winter weather forecast and NY-MEX settlement price graph. Each packet will also include graphs of your community's: annual usage, percentage of fixed winter volumes, and winter risk management price. We hope you find this information helpful when planning for the winter!

Be sure to visit IMGA at your Municipal League Conference!

IMGA's Marketing Manager, Lin Goetz, will be exhibiting at both the IML and MML Annual Conferences this fall. Be sure to stop by and visit with her:

**Illinois Municipal League's 96th Annual Conference
September 24th - 26th
The Hilton Chicago Hotel**



**Missouri Municipal League Annual Conference
October 4th - 7th
Tan-Tar-A Resort, Lake of the Ozarks**

Lin looks forward to seeing you this fall!

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