



Building Efficiency for Commercial Construction

Energy Efficiency Pays. Now More Than Ever.

Program Update — October 2005 *for Commercial Design and Construction Professionals*

Program Deadline Extended to December 2006

The Building Efficiency incentives offered for 2005 have been extended to December 15, 2006. This extension was made in part due to the success of this year's program. Projects that began in 2005 but will not be completed until next year may still use the same application form and receive the same incentives as this year's projects.

Look for an announcement on incentives for 2007 in the fall of 2006.

The Program's Most Active Participants

Who has submitted the most applications? Who's received the most incentive payments? The answer in either case is Boise-area developer, Ronald W. Van Auken, Inc. He has received payments for energy efficient lighting in three recent building projects—one in Boise and two in Nampa.

Others with multiple pre-apps submitted include:

- Idaho Youth Ranch (Boise, Garden City)
- Jerome School District (Jerome)
- Snake River School District (Blackfoot)

Collecting Application Documentation

After the pre-app, design, and construction, there's a necessary step before a Building Efficiency incentive can be paid. The application form needs to be completed and submitted along with documentation of the measures installed.

Documentation involves a product specification sheet or something that shows it meets the criteria for an incentive. You'll also need to provide paid invoices or some other "proof of purchase."

The documentation is reasonable, not rigorous. If in doubt as to what's needed, submit your application. If we find anything missing, we'll contact you.

BetterBricks Awards Event October 12

You're invited to join us to celebrate the unsung heroes without whom we'd be celebrating in drafty, inefficient buildings. Join us at the Integrated Design Lab (108 N. 6 St.

in Boise) for a BetterBricks cocktail reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12.

The BetterBricks Awards recognize architects, engineers, developers, facility managers, and other building professionals for their support, use, and design of sustainable, high performance, commercial buildings in the Northwest.

This year's awards reception will feature a brief keynote address by green building guru, Christine Ervin. The Idaho Business Review will also feature the award winners in a special section.

Please plan to join us to learn who wins the 2005 BetterBricks awards in Idaho. To register for this no-cost event, go to the Association of Idaho Cities Web site at www.idahocities.org.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

The fall series of BetterBricks classes continues and includes the following:

- Green Roofs (10/27)
- eQuest Modeling (11/3)
- Airflow Modeling (11/17)

The BetterBricks classes, held at the Integrated Design Lab (108 N. 6 St.) from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., are free and open to the public. For more details, call (208) 861-5736.

For More Program Information

Do you know of any projects, planned or underway, that may qualify for this incentive? Are the owners or developers unaware of this program? If so, please share this information with them. For answers to program questions, call Curt Nichols at (208) 388-6484.