



Building Efficiency for Commercial Construction

Energy Efficiency Pays. Now More Than Ever.

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

Early Participation Bonus Offered

The Building Efficiency program has received 43 pre-applications and paid out incentives to seven projects through the end of October.

What's the status of your project? Has construction been completed? If so, and you're just waiting to complete your paperwork, wait no longer.

All completed projects with incentive applications turned in by Dec. 15 will receive a special bonus – two 2006 Green Building wall calendars. These calendars feature color photos and design details from LEED™ Gold or Platinum buildings in the U.S.

Incentive applications still can be submitted after that date. If you wait, you'll miss out on these calendars. Act soon so you don't miss out on this early-bird bonus.

Consider Energy Efficient Lighting

The most prominent energy-saving technology in Building Efficiency pre-applications is lighting.

Eighty-six percent of pre-apps state that lighting systems with lighting power densities that are better than code are being considered. And, many of the paid projects have lighting systems that are designed to save 20 to 30 percent over a code-minimum lighting system.

Even with the lighting power densities in Idaho's new energy code, there's still potential to save energy...and earn an incentive.

Incentive Payment Publicity

Idaho Power presented an incentive check at the recent ribbon cutting for a new Idaho Central Credit Union branch office in Boise. We encourage our incentive recipients to publicize their award and are available to assist with documentation or other input on your energy efficient building story. In some cases, you could even win awards and receive publicity for your energy efficiency efforts (see next story).

BetterBricks Awards Winners Announced

BetterBricks held a reception in October to unveil the 2005 BetterBricks awards winners.

This year's Idaho award winners included the following:

- **Architect** – Bruce Poe, Cole + Poe Architects, Boise
- **Developer** – Gary Christensen, The Christensen Corp., Boise
- **Engineer** – Ken Tewksbury, Engineering Inc., Boise
- **Facility Manager** – Richard Ames, Jerome Schools
- **Professional Services** – Dave Logan, Ada County; and Sherry McKibben, University of Idaho Urban Design Center (tie)

Upcoming Training Opportunities

The BetterBricks fall education series concludes with a "Visualizing Airflow" class on Nov. 17. Like all their other classes, this one will be held at the Integrated Design Lab (108 N. 6 St.) from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and is free and open to the public. For details, call (208) 861-5736.

If you can't attend the evening class, a similar presentation will be given at the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) meeting that day (11/17) during the lunch hour. For more details on the USGBC meeting go to www.usgbcidaho.org.

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 other questions, call Curt Nichols at (208) 388-6484.