



Building Efficiency for Commercial Construction

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Program Update — September 2006 *for Commercial Design and Construction Professionals*

Incentive Measures to Expand

The menu of incentive measures could be growing! We are reviewing the current menu and are considering what other measures to include as we update the offering for next year. Also, the incentive levels of some of the existing measures may be adjusted during the update.

The program has been successful over the first 17 months. With changes, we hope the program can be even more successful in the future.

SEER 13 AC Unit Clarification

The new federal SEER 13 standard for small air conditioning (AC) units only applies to single-phase units. With Idaho's code minimum currently at SEER 10, new three-phase units with an efficiency rating of SEER 13 or better will still be eligible for incentives under the revised incentive levels that will be in place next year.

There will be no incentives for single-phase AC units next year. To get your \$100/ton for any single-phase SEER 13, you'll need to submit your incentive application no later than December 15, 2006.

Obtaining an Idaho Power Bill History

If you wonder what your building's electric use has been, you have three options: contact the Idaho Power Customer Service Center, ask for the information from your account rep, or access that data online.

For full online access, go to www.idahopower.com where you can view and print out your bill history. You can link to E-Services and register to become an Account Manager. You will need your latest Idaho Power electric bill that includes your account number, service agreement number, and last meter reading to register and then log on as an Account Manager.

After becoming an Account Manager select and click the account you want history for. Once you complete a brief facility profile, click "Bill Detail" for history to be printed or downloaded.

If you're trying to obtain a bill history for a client you're working with, another option is to have them submit a written request for the specific account(s) authorizing Idaho Power to share the bill history with you.

2006 Idaho Energy Conference

For over two decades, the Idaho Energy Conference has been Idaho's premier energy event. This year it will be held October 4-6 at the DoubleTree-Riverside (Boise).

The conference will kick off with the annual BetterBricks Awards reception. The 2006 award-winners will be unveiled in a reception on the evening of October 4. You can reserve your spot at the BetterBricks Awards reception online at www.betterbricksawards.com.

The rest of the conference will include prominent speakers, timely topics, informative exhibits, and more. Joe Van Bellegham, an innovative Canadian developer, will give a keynote address titled "Building with a Triple Bottom Line: A Developer's Perspective." The American Institute of Architects has approved 13 learning credits for various talks and other workshops at the conference.

Register for this event at www.idahocities.org. You can reserve an exhibit space too. Contact the Association of Idaho Cities at (208) 344-8594 for more details on opportunities to exhibit at this event.

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.