

# Building Efficiency UPDATE

## April 2007

### Program Activity Update

A *Building Efficiency* program overview document is now available. You can view this document, download it, or learn more about *Building Efficiency* from the [Building Efficiency](#) page at the Idaho Power Web site.

The 2007 Program Overview contains specific details on what design features can qualify for an incentive. It covers eligibility, how to participate, and also provides references to other Idaho Power energy efficiency programs and other resources.

### What Is “Proof of Payment?”

In order to process a *Building Efficiency* incentive payment, the Final Application must be accompanied by supporting documentation, including proof of payment. Proof of payment can be a purchase order, billing invoice, or any other document showing the quantity of goods purchased and that the amount due has been paid.

When a billing invoice is not available, it is acceptable to submit vendor invoices, or any document signed by the project architect, engineer, contractor or vendor that is on company letterhead and includes:

- the quantity, make and model of equipment;
- a statement of verification that the equipment was purchased by the applicant, and
- a statement of verification that the equipment was installed at the applied facility.

### Idaho Building Code to Change in 2008

The 2007 Idaho legislature passed, and the governor signed, House Bill 84. HB 84 will update the state’s building code effective January 1, 2008. At that time, Idaho’s code for new building energy use will shift from the 2003 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) to the 2006 version of the IECC.

The *Building Efficiency* program will have to change with the changing code. The current program qualifications and other details will still be in effect for the remainder of 2007. There will be some program changes after that. We will give you as much notice of those changes as we can.

### Upcoming Training and Education

Mark your calendar for three upcoming training and education opportunities that can help foster energy efficiency in commercial and industrial buildings:

- **Building Operator Certification (BOC)** – The International Building Operators Association (IBOA) is holding a level 1 BOC training in Nampa April 30–May 4. You can learn more at the IBOA Web site [www.nwboa.org](http://www.nwboa.org).
- **Boise Design Conference 2007** – The local American Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) chapter is presenting this day-long conference in Boise on May 16. For more details about this event contact Tony Sutton at (208) 376-8300 or by e-mail at [tony@atkinsonel.com](mailto:tony@atkinsonel.com).
- **BOMA Energy Efficiency Program (BEEP)** – The next BEEP webcast is May 17 on “No- and Low-Cost Operational Adjustments.” You can get more details at [www.boma.org/TrainingAndEducation/BEEP](http://www.boma.org/TrainingAndEducation/BEEP).

### For More Program Information

Do you know of any commercial or industrial construction projects that could benefit from an energy efficient design? If so, we have a brochure titled, “Save Energy, Earn Incentives, and Improve your Bottom Line.”

For a copy of the brochure, a program overview, or other details about *Building Efficiency* incentives, call Billie McWinn at (208) 388-5871 or e-mail her at [buildingefficiency@idahopower.com](mailto:buildingefficiency@idahopower.com).