

# Building Efficiency UPDATE

## June/July 2007

### Program Activity Update

This year's improved Building Efficiency program, launched in January, has been successful and well received.

Projects completed and paid since the beginning of the year have received an average of 17% more than they would have through the prior version of this program.

To date, we have received 35 pre-applications and paid out \$115,000 for eight completed projects. The average incentive payment per completed project is \$14,400.

Of those projects, 75% have received incentives for improved lighting, 63% have received incentives for efficient air conditioning, and 13% have received incentives for building shell design improvements.

### Electronic Application Now Available

Electronic applications for the Building Efficiency program are now available. This can save you and your client time and money while making our processing easier and more accurate.

The application is an Excel file that you can download and store on your computer. The file contains forms for pre-applications, final applications, and an application checklist.

Previously, applicants had to fill out hard copy forms and fax or mail them to Idaho Power. That option is still available. You can still choose to print out the forms for your files or to send them to us. However, the new electronic version will prevent you from having to enter the same information twice, once on the pre-app and again when the project is completed.

A key benefit of the electronic application is that it takes the guesswork out of calculating your incentives. The calculations are done automatically. Once you enter the required information by simply filling in the blanks, you will immediately see which incentives you qualify for and how much you can expect to receive.

### 2007 BetterBricks Awards

It's not too early to think about the annual BetterBricks Awards. Do you know someone who has taken extraordinary steps to design, build, engineer, operate, or champion a super energy-efficient commercial building? If so, you can nominate them for a BetterBricks Award.

These awards recognize architects, engineers, developers, building owners and operators, service providers, facility managers, and other building professionals for their efforts to enhance building energy efficiency throughout Idaho. To nominate someone (including yourself) for an award, go to <http://www.betterbricksawards.com>.

### Upcoming Training and Education

The Boise chapter of the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA-Boise) will hold a workshop on the Building Energy Efficiency Program (BEEP) on September 20th and 21st at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel in Boise.

Nationally recognized energy experts will present seminars on topics such as "How to Benchmark Energy Performance" and "No- and Low-Cost Operational Adjustments to Improve Energy Performance."

For more details on this workshop, or to register, call (208) 377-5775 or e-mail [bae@bomaboise.org](mailto:bae@bomaboise.org).

### 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 can send you 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, e-mail Billie McWinn at [buildingefficiency@idahopower.com](mailto:buildingefficiency@idahopower.com) or call her at (208) 388-5871.