

Building Efficiency UPDATE

December 2007

Happy Holidays!

All of us at Idaho Power wish to extend our warmest wishes at this special time of the year. May you enjoy the season and a prosperous, efficient new year!

Program Activity Update

This is a great time to look back and assess our program performance for 2007. It has been an exceptionally productive year and we are pleased to announce that as of December 17, the Building Efficiency program has paid nearly \$540,000 in incentives, resulting in an estimated combined savings of nearly 2.8 million kWh/year. This is enough energy to power nearly 200 average homes.

Of the final applications processed to date, about three-quarters have benefited from lighting measures, almost two-thirds from air-conditioning measures, more than a quarter from building shell measures and more than a quarter from controls measures. Incentive payments have ranged from \$45 to \$100,000, averaging \$25,000 per project.

Announcing Program Changes in 2008

Beginning February 1, all Building Efficiency Final Applications must be submitted within 60 days of project completion. This means that you have until the end of January to submit all projects that have been completed for more than 60 days.

Project completion is defined as the time an occupancy permit is attained or when all major construction is complete.

The menu of 14 measures available for incentives will not change. However, to accommodate Idaho's adoption of the 2006 International Energy Conservation Code for 2008, the qualifications for three of those measures will change as follows:

- The qualifications for High Performance Windows (B2) and Premium Performance Windows (B3) incentives will change from a minimum solar heat gain coefficient (SHGC) of 0.40 to 0.30 and a minimum U-factor of 0.42 to 0.30.
- The 2008 incentives for Economizers (A4) will be offered only for units smaller than 54,000 Btu/hr (previously <65,000 Btu/hr).

Mark Your Calendar for This Event

ASHRAE-Idaho will be holding its annual Technical Conference on February 8. The event will take place at the Holiday Inn-Airport.

This year's theme is "Reaching New Heights of Sustainability," and will highlight four areas: Technical Issues, Policy Considerations, Design Topics, and Focus on Operations.

To learn more about the opportunities to attend, exhibit at, and/or sponsor this conference, contact Kenny Calkins at Kenny@Cloverdaleplumbing.com.

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 or call her at (208) 388-5871.