

Building Efficiency UPDATE

February 2008

Deadline Drives Application Activity

January proved to be a productive month for Building Efficiency incentive payments. In large part due to the newly implemented application deadline, 10 final applications were submitted and paid, totaling \$95,000 in incentive payments and resulting in 366,000 kWh savings. This is enough electricity to power 26 average-sized homes.

Effective February 1, all Building Efficiency final applications must be submitted within 60 days of project completion. The result of this new deadline is that projects can be processed, paid, and reported in a timely manner. One benefit to participants is that project information and supporting documentation is more readily available at the completion of a project.

The new deadline was announced in the December 2007 Building Efficiency Update. A notice was posted on the Building Efficiency Web site, and participants who had submitted preliminary applications were notified by e-mail and/or by phone in January.

ASHRAE Offers More

The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) offers new publications and periodicals for free download through its Web site, www.ashrae.org.

ASHRAE's *Advanced Energy Design Guide* series provides contractors and designers important tools to achieve 30 percent energy savings over the minimum requirements of ASHRAE Standard 90.1. The following three guides are currently available through this series:

- K-12 school buildings
- Small retail buildings
- Small office buildings

These guides are available for free download at www.ashrae.org/publications/page/1604.

ASHRAE also offers an exciting new quarterly magazine titled *High Performance Buildings*. This magazine aims to help decision makers in the building community learn about

the benefits of using energy wisely through energy-efficient design and operation, and will include relevant case studies. The premier issue is available free for download at www.hpbmagazine.org.

Mark Your Calendar for These Events

The BetterBricks Spring 2008 Education Series starts next month. The overall goal of this season's sessions will be to focus on the integrated design process and strategies that will enhance the energy performance of a building without compromising other owner and occupancy needs.

March 6—*Design Synergies and Case Studies*
(Speaker: Doug Bors, Sophometrics)

March 13—*Integrated Design Process*
(Speaker: Doug Bors, Sophometrics)

April 3—*Net Zero Commercial Buildings: What Needs to Change?*
(Speaker: David Eijadi, Principal, the Weidt Group)

April 10—*Rethinking Building Commissioning: What has Guideline 0 Got To Do With It?*
(Speaker: Walter Grondik, PE, Ball State University)

Presentations will be from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Integrated Design Lab, located at 108 N. 6th Street, Boise, Idaho. Sessions are free of charge, but pre-registration is required. You can register from the BetterBricks Web site at www.betterbricks.com. For more information call Ken Baker at (208) 861-5736.

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.