

Custom Efficiency is...

...an opportunity for large and mid-sized commercial and industrial customers to receive a financial incentive and lower their electrical bills. How? By reducing energy usage through more efficient electrical commercial and industrial processes. Formerly known as the Industrial Efficiency program, this program has been revised and renamed. Idaho Power will pay qualifying customers an incentive to modify an existing process or install a more efficient one.

The financial incentive works like this...

...identify an energy-saving project, submit a completed application with supporting documentation and Idaho Power will determine your financial incentive based upon the least of two calculations:

- a. 12 cents per kilowatt-hour (kWh) saved per year or
- b. 70 percent of the project cost.

Projects must be completed within one year of signing an agreement with Idaho Power and incentives will be dispersed only as long as funds are available.

You should participate because...

...you can save energy, money and ultimately, our natural resources. Idaho Power is sponsoring this program to encourage energy efficiency, control energy costs, preserve our environmental resources and especially to help our customers save on their electrical bills by using less energy.

All Schedule 9 and 19 customers are eligible to apply (must be in good standing with accounts current). Other large industrial customers also may qualify.

Answers to Commonly Asked Questions

How is this program funded?

The Custom Efficiency program is one of many Idaho Power efforts to encourage the wise use of our energy resources. This program is funded through the Conservation Program Funding Charge collected monthly from Idaho customers, as approved by the Idaho Public Utilities Commission in May 2002 and the Oregon Public Utilities Commission in August 2005...

What process modifications would qualify?

Eligible efficiency projects include modifications to: electrical industrial and commercial processes, motor systems, controls, fans, pumps, compressors, lighting, air conditioning and refrigeration, which use less energy.

When are applications due?

Idaho Power will process completed applications on a first-come, first-served basis. As applications are approved, Idaho Power will set aside incentive funds for the qualified projects. As long as program funds are available, applications will be accepted. The company will stop reviewing applications once all budgeted funds are committed or allocated. However, as additional funds become available, Idaho Power will resume reviewing applications in the order they are received.

Custom Efficiency *for Complex Projects*

Who makes the decision about what projects qualify for an incentive?

The Idaho Power Delivery Service Representative for your area, in collaboration with engineers at Idaho Power and outside consultants, will evaluate each project's potential energy savings based on generally accepted, industrial energy efficiency practices and methodologies. Idaho Power reserves the right to deny an incentive for projects that do not comply with minimum industry standards. Qualifying projects will receive a contract agreement.

Why is a contract agreement necessary?

Idaho Power is committed to the success of this program. To ensure a mutually beneficial collaboration, you will be asked to sign an agreement with Idaho Power. As long as the project is completed and operating as proposed within a year of the contract signing date, Idaho Power will fulfill its obligation to provide an incentive check to you.

Here is the process and what you'll need to do...

1. Determine how your electrical process could be more energy efficient. If needed, seek advice from the Idaho Power Delivery Service Representative for your area or an energy efficiency expert for your particular process.
2. Obtain an estimate of the cost to modify or install your more efficient electrical processing equipment, related materials and outside labor. Idaho Power will contribute only to those projects that go beyond the presently established building code standards.
3. Complete the Custom Efficiency program application and submit both a hard copy and an e-mail copy to the Delivery Service Representative for your area. Include calculation spreadsheets (MS Excel preferred) and any support documentation requested by Idaho Power. If calculations are complex and require the expertise of a professional engineer, calculations will need the engineer's stamp and signature.
4. Idaho Power, in consultation with industry experts, will review applications on a first-come, first-served basis. Once your project is approved, the company will set aside the determined incentive amount. Incentives will be allocated as long as program funds are available.
5. You will be asked to sign a contract agreement along with Idaho Power. Your project must be completed within a year from the contract signing date in order to receive the incentive payment.
6. While your project is underway, Idaho Power may request an opportunity to monitor the electrical use and demand of the equipment installed in the energy efficiency project.
7. Once work is complete and project costs have been itemized, contact Idaho Power for a certification inspection. Once your project is certified and program objectives have been met, Idaho Power will provide you with your financial incentive check.

More information...

...the electronic application form and a sample contract agreement are available on our Web site at www.idahopower.com/customefficiency. Also, look for other Idaho Power programs including *Easy Upgrades* for more straightforward retrofit projects and *Building Efficiency* for new building construction projects.