

# Easy Upgrades UPDATE

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### New Program Launched

Idaho Power unveiled last month the *Easy Upgrades* program to assist with commercial energy-saving retrofits. Since that time, a number of pre-applications have been submitted and accepted. One of those projects has been completed and will soon receive the first *Easy Upgrades* incentive payment.

The initial applications are mostly lighting improvements. If you're interested in your potential energy savings and the incentive you can earn, we now have a [Lighting Calculator](#) online that can help with that assessment.

Currently, the Easy Upgrades program is available to all commercial and industrial customers in Idaho. A request to expand the program into Oregon is awaiting approval by the Oregon Public Utility Commission, which could happen as early as May.

You can learn more about the *Easy Upgrades* program at [www.idahopower.com/easyupgrades](http://www.idahopower.com/easyupgrades).

### Grocery Refrigeration Worksheet Added

The *Easy Upgrades* program initially focused on five areas of energy saving opportunities: Lighting, HVAC, Motors, Building Shell, and Plug Loads. Those five incentive worksheets include 99 different energy-saving and incentive-earning building improvement options.

Now there's one more worksheet – focused on grocery refrigeration – and 30 more energy efficiency measures eligible for incentives.

You can get your project in the queue for an incentive payment from Idaho Power's Web site. From the *Easy Upgrades* page click on the "Preliminary Application" link.

That link will give you the option of using a simple online form or a printable PDF form to register your project and reserve your incentive payment for satisfactory project completion.

Pre-apps are required in the *Easy Upgrades* program. That step needs to be completed prior to completing the project and obtaining an incentive payment.

### Upcoming Training and Education

Mark your calendar for three upcoming training and education opportunities that can help further 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 website [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 business or industrial facilities that could benefit from updating their lighting, cooling, or other electric systems? If so, we can have a program overview brochure titled, "Save Energy, Earn Incentives, and Improve your Bottom Line."

For a copy of that brochure, a program overview, or other details about *Easy Upgrades* incentives, call Curt Nichols at (208) 388-6484 or e-mail him at [easyupgrades@idahopower.com](mailto:easyupgrades@idahopower.com).