

Easy Upgrades UPDATE

November 2007

A Special *Easy Upgrades* Promotion

Idaho Power is offering free VendingMisers to commercial and industrial customers in Idaho. This special limited-time offer is even better than the \$75 incentive formerly offered, but is only good while supplies last.

These smart, energy-saving plug-in devices use occupancy sensor controls to cut energy use in refrigerated beverage vending machines by an average of 40 percent.

This offer is not available in Oregon. Instead, Oregon sites can still receive the usual \$75 *Easy Upgrades* incentive for any VendingMisers they install.

Go to http://www.usatech.com/energy_management and click the VendingMiser link to learn more about this energy-saving technology.

To take advantage of this special promotion, please call Idaho Power's installation contractor at 1-888-264-4428.

2007 BetterBricks Award Winners

Congratulations to all of Idaho's BetterBricks award winners. In October, the fourth annual BetterBricks awards were presented for individual efforts to support high-performance building design and operation in Idaho in the following categories:

- **Advocate:** Steve Benner, Architect and Associate Stockholder for CSHQA Architects (Boise)
- **Building Operator/Service Provider:** Darrell Buffaloe, Associate Vice President of Facilities Services for Idaho State University (Pocatello)
- **Designer:** Dale Bates, President of Living Architecture (Ketchum)
- **Emerging Leader:** Shelby Stuart, Project Engineer at Musgrove Engineering (Boise)
- **Owner/Decision Maker:** Chris Hyer and Kent Oram, Senior Management Team at Idaho Central Credit Union (Chubbuck)

Award finalists were also recognized at the event. Both the winners and finalists join an impressive list of individuals recognized by BetterBricks in the past three years.

Program Activity Update

Interest and activity in *Easy Upgrades* continues to expand. The end of October marks just over eight months since the program was first introduced in Idaho.

Through October, Idaho Power has received over 150 preliminary applications (pre-apps). Most pre-apps are for energy-saving lighting retrofit projects.

Also through October, Idaho Power has processed *Easy Upgrades* incentive payments for nearly 70 completed projects. The incentive payments to date total nearly \$139,000 with an average project payment of \$2,000.

In total, the energy savings from completed projects is nearly 2.3 million kilowatt hours per year—enough energy to power 163 typical homes.

Learn more about how you can participate in this program at <http://www.idahopower.com/easyupgrades>.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

The International Building Operators Association (IBOA) is planning to offer classes for both Levels I and II Building Operator Certification (BOC) in early 2008.

BOC trainings are designed for building operators and key decision-makers in the operation and maintenance of commercial buildings. These trainings emphasize practical building energy management opportunities.

For registration and/or more information, contact IBOA at (208) 345-3072 or e-mail iboa@idacomm.net.

For More Program Information

Do you know of any business or industrial facilities that could benefit from updating their lighting, cooling, or other electric systems? If so, we can send you a program overview brochure titled, "Save Energy, Earn Incentives, and Improve your Bottom Line."

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