

Easy Upgrades UPDATE

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Program Activity Update

Through the end of 2007, Idaho Power processed over 100 *Easy Upgrades* incentive payments for completed projects. The incentive payments total nearly \$325,000 with an average payment of \$3,200 per project.

In total, the energy savings from the completed projects is over 4 million kilowatt hours per year—enough energy to power 280 typical homes.

The program offering is unchanged for 2008. Incentives of up to \$100,000 per facility are still available. You can learn more about this program to save energy and earn incentives at www.idahopower.com/easyupgrades.

Free VendingMiser Promotion Continues

The offer of free VendingMisers continues. In the first two months of this promotion, over 1,000 of those energy-saving controls were installed on refrigerated beverage vending machines in Idaho.

These smart plug-in devices use occupancy sensor controls to manage the vending machines' operation in ways that cut energy use in most refrigerated beverage vending machines by 40 percent.

To take advantage of this special promotion, please call Idaho Power's installation contractor at **1-888-264-4428**. Remember, this offer is good only in Idaho and only while supplies last.

The State of Idaho Financing Available

Sometimes it takes money to save money. Do you need capital for your energy project? If so, consider borrowing money from the State of Idaho.

The Idaho Office of Energy Resources offers low-interest loans. Loans for commercial building projects can be up to \$100,000. The interest rate is four percent with a five-year repayment plan.

Eligible energy-saving projects for existing commercial structures include: lighting, windows, insulation, HVAC equipment, and more. Efficient features in new buildings can also qualify for these low-interest loans.

For more information, call the Idaho state energy hotline at **1-800-334-SAVE** or link to www.energy.idaho.gov/loans.

ASHRAE Conference on February 8

ASHRAE-Idaho will hold a day-long conference on February 8 titled **Reaching New Heights of Sustainability**. The event will take place at the Holiday Inn—Airport in Boise.

This year's conference will focus on four areas: technical issues, policy considerations, design topics, and building operations. Registration costs \$75 for ASHRAE members; \$95 for non-members.

To learn more about this year's ASHRAE technical conference and your opportunity to participate, contact Kenny Calkins at Kenny@Cloverdaleplumbing.com.

Two BOMA Workshops on February 27

Later in February, the Boise chapter of the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) is offering two workshops titled **Benchmark Your Future**.

These workshops will be held in Boise on February 27 at ExecuTrain of Idaho. These half-day sessions will focus on benchmarking the energy performance of office buildings. The cost to participate is \$25 for BOMA members; \$35 for non-members.

You can learn more about these valuable workshops at www.bomaboise.org or by contacting Blake Watson at **208-388-2413**.

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 "Save Energy, Earn Incentives, and Improve your Bottom Line" program overview brochure.

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.