

# Easy Upgrades UPDATE

## March 2008

### Program Celebrates First Anniversary

February 13 marked the one-year anniversary for *Easy Upgrades*. The incentive program took effect in Idaho on that date last year.

Over the course of the first program year, *Easy Upgrades* has received 290 preliminary applications, processed 178 final applications for payment, and assisted in projects saving nearly 7.7 million kilowatt hours per year (kWh/yr)—enough energy to power 550 typical homes.

The program activity has been high so far in 2008. Projects processed for payment in the first two months of the year account for more than 2.5 million kWh/yr! You can learn more about the energy-saving incentives through this program at [www.idahopower.com/easyupgrades](http://www.idahopower.com/easyupgrades).

### VendingMiser Promotion Extended

The VendingMiser promotion has been so successful that it's being extended. Through February, nearly 1,900 of these energy-saving controls have been installed on refrigerated beverage vending machines in Idaho.

These smart plug-in devices can cut energy use in most refrigerated beverage vending machines by 40 percent. Don't miss this opportunity to get one (or more) at no cost.

You can still take advantage of this special promotion. Just call our installation contractor at **1-888-264-4428**. This offer is available to Idaho Power customers in Idaho only.

### Fluorescent Lighting Delamping Projects

Most *Easy Upgrades* incentive applications are for lighting retrofits. Most of those projects are for T12 fluorescent lighting being replaced by T8s or T5s. When done on a lamp-for-lamp basis, the retrofits can earn incentives of \$5 to \$20 per fixture depending on the fixture type installed.

Some retrofits result in fewer fixtures or lamps. Those projects can also earn a delamping bonus. In addition to the per-fixture incentive, a delamping bonus of \$10 per lamp will also be paid.

For example, a 4 foot 4-lamp T12 fixture replaced with a 4 foot 3-lamp T8 fixture would earn \$10 for the new fixture plus another \$10 for the reduction of one lamp. In this case, a retrofit that includes delamping can earn \$20, *double* the \$10 incentive of a fixture retrofit done on a lamp-for-lamp basis.

### Building Operations Web Resources

The BetterBricks Web site has been updated recently. One new feature is a section on "Tools and Technical Advice" for commercial building operations and maintenance (O&M).

This site includes a Symptom-Diagnostics Tool, O&M Best Practices and Building Performance Indicators. To see how this new BetterBricks resource can help you save energy in your building operations, go to [www.betterbricks.com/DetailPage.aspx?ID=486](http://www.betterbricks.com/DetailPage.aspx?ID=486).

### Program Workshops in Early April

Equipment suppliers, contractors, and other trade allies that want to learn more about *Easy Upgrades* will be invited to join Idaho Power at one of a series of free workshops to be held in early April.

These workshops are designed for trade allies to help you take full advantage of the *Easy Upgrades* program. The workshop schedule is:

- April 8 in Pocatello
- April 9 in Twin Falls
- April 10 in Boise
- April 10 in Nampa
- April 11 in Ontario

In addition to breakfast or lunch, a new electronic application process and a lighting savings/incentives calculator will be provided.

More details will be sent out in the next few weeks. If you want to be sure to be invited, send an e-mail titled "April Workshops" to [easyupgrades@idahopower.com](mailto:easyupgrades@idahopower.com).

### 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](mailto:easyupgrades@idahopower.com) or call him at (208) 388-6484.