

Easy Upgrades UPDATE

September 2008

Lighting Promotion Increases Activity

The new, higher incentive levels offered for many *Easy Upgrades* lighting projects in Idaho have resulted in more interest and activities among our customers and area lighting contractors.

Through the first part of September, we have received over 420 preliminary applications this year. More than 160 of those (almost 40 percent) have come in since the promotion started in July.

Remember, the deadline for this promotion is December 15. That means the lighting project needs to be complete and the final documentation submitted to Idaho Power by then.

Get more details on how you can earn more when you use less at www.idahopower.com/easyupgrades.

Delamping Fluorescent Lighting Systems

Many *Easy Upgrades* lighting projects are taking advantage of the delamping “bonus” that’s available. If conditions allow, delamping can result in greater incentive savings and larger incentive payments.

How do you figure the incentive when delamping? First, note the incentive for the type of fixture installed. Then, add the incentive for each lamp removed. The total incentive is the sum of those two elements.

For example, a 4-foot, 4-lamp T12 fixture that is replaced with a 4-foot, 2-lamp T8 fixture could earn a total of \$40. That total is made up of \$10 for the 2-lamp T8 fixture plus \$15 each for the two lamps removed.

Delamping may not be an option in every case. However, there are greater savings—and larger incentives—where it can work.

Program Planning for 2009 and Beyond

The *Easy Upgrades* program is currently considering changes to improve the program starting in early 2009.

We are considering paperless, online applications, creating additional program “Success Stories,” and creating additional effective ongoing communication to continue to inform customers and contractors about the program.

However, if there are other changes you’d like to recommend, please let us know. We are very interested in measures we can add and procedures we can improve. Your feedback and recommendations are appreciated.

Please e-mail your ideas for program improvements by September 25 to easyupgrades@idahopower.com.

Free VendingMiser Offer to End Soon

If you have not yet received a VendingMiser for your refrigerated beverage vending machines, time is running out. Idaho Power’s offer for these free, energy-saving controls continues through October. To request a free VendingMiser installation, please call our installation contractor at **1-888-264-4428**. This special offer is available in Idaho only.

Plan Ahead for Energy Events

The Boise chapter of the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) has a full-day **Energy Efficiency Workshop** scheduled for September 25. This event will focus on new technologies, energy-saving opportunities, local successes, and helpful resources. Details are available on the BOMA Web site, www.bomaboise.org.

In October, you can attend the **Idaho Energy & Green Building Conference**. The conference kicks off with the unveiling of this year’s BetterBricks awards at an evening reception on October 22.

This annual conference has become a must-attend forum for policy makers, building designers, and energy-efficiency professionals. More details on the event—including sponsorship and registration opportunities—are online at www.idahocities.org/e-conf.

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 help.

For a copy of our “Save Energy Dollars” booklet, 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.