

Easy Upgrades UPDATE

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No Let-up in Incentive Applications

Ten weeks into 2009, *Easy Upgrades* applications show no sign of letting up. From the beginning of the year through early March, nearly 200 preliminary applications (pre-apps) have been turned in. In that same time period, more than 200 final applications have been processed for payment.

Thus far, this year's incentive payments total more than \$660,000, and the annual savings from those projects now exceeds seven million kilowatt-hours per year. That's enough electricity to fully power more than 540 typical Idaho homes.

If your clients—or your projects—are not included in the applications we have received, please send them in. The application process, forms, and other details are all available online at www.idahopower.com/easyupgrades.

Most Projects Start with Pre-Apps

In some cases, *Easy Upgrades* incentives can be paid without submitting a pre-app. However, that is not the rule; it is an exception that is reserved for small projects earning incentive payments of \$1,000 or less.

Most projects will start with a pre-app. Simply submit the application form and the appropriate worksheet before you start a project. This step allows Idaho Power to confirm that your project qualifies for an incentive.

The response to each pre-app will ensure that everyone understands what is required before the incentive can be paid. Remember, a pre-app is required for any *Easy Upgrades* incentive payment of more than \$1,000.

Idaho Power Customer Representatives

Idaho Power has specially trained customer representatives available to give you information on Idaho Power policies, services, and programs like *Easy Upgrades*.

Each customer representative serves a geographic area. Who you will work with depends on where your business is located. There is an easy, online tool that can identify the customer representative for your area.

To find and contact your customer representative, simply go to www.idahopower.com/energyexpert and enter your business's ZIP code.

Commercial Demand Response

Idaho Power is a summer-peaking utility. Providing the electric power required for air conditioning, irrigation, and other summer loads is critical.

Soon, Idaho Power will have one more tool to help meet those peak loads. Pending Public Utility Commission (PUC) approval, Idaho Power will work with an aggregator to begin offering payments to commercial and industrial building owners when they cut back their energy use during peak times.

More details on this new program will be made available following PUC approval.

Upcoming Efficient Lighting Classes

The Lighting Design Lab has scheduled two local lighting classes, Energy Effective Lamp Technologies and Efficient Lighting Techniques and Applications.

The classes will be held at the AGC Idaho facility in Boise on Wednesday, April 15. You can learn more about these classes and register online at www.lightingdesignlab.com. Each class costs \$30 and includes lunch.

Annual ASHRAE Conference

The annual American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning (ASHRAE) Idaho spring conference is scheduled for April 10. This event will be held at the Oxford Suites in Boise and will cover topics like variable air volume system design, indirect evaporative cooling, economizer system design, and a stimulus funding update.

You can find a full agenda and speaker details and register online at www.idahoashrae.com. You may also sign up as an event exhibitor or sponsor.

Take advantage of these opportunities to learn more about energy-saving lighting and heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) technologies.

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, an incentive program overview, or other details about *Easy Upgrades* incentives, contact Curt Nichols at 208-388-6484 or easyupgrades@idahopower.com.