

Easy Upgrades UPDATE

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600 Projects Completed so far in 2009

Through the first six months of 2009, *Easy Upgrades* activity continued at a high pace. Through June, more than 600 final applications have been processed for payment.

The incentive payments for these projects total more than \$1.5 million, with annual savings of more than 17 million kilowatt-hour (kWh) per year. That's enough electricity to fully power more than 1,300 typical Idaho homes.

We've also received more than 650 pre-apps this year. If your clients or projects aren't included in the applications we've received, send them in. The application process, forms, and other details are available online at www.idahopower.com/easyupgrades.

Any questions about the status of applications you have submitted can be addressed by Mindi Shodeen at 208-388-5648 or mshodeen@idahopower.com.

Idaho Green Expo

Idaho Power is a Foundation Sponsor for the second annual Idaho Green Expo. Last year's event was a big success.

This year's event will be held at the Boise Centre on Saturday and Sunday, July 18–19. Idaho Power will have an exhibit in the "Energy, Conservation & Recycling" section. If you're attending the Green Expo this year, stop by and learn more about the full array of energy efficiency programs that Idaho Power offers to its customers.

Incentives for LED Lighting

Light-emitting diodes (LEDs) are a promising lighting technology that people frequently ask about.

Easy Upgrades offers incentives for some retrofits to LEDs. Included are incentives for upgrading to LED exit signs, which can earn an incentive of \$15 each when replacing an incandescent or fluorescent exit sign.

Screw-in LEDs can earn incentives the same as screw-in compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs): \$2 or \$4 each, depending on wattage. More permanent LED fixtures, such as recessed "can" lights, are eligible for \$15 when replacing more conventional lights.

Incentives are also available for LED refrigeration case lighting and LED marquee sign lights. Other LED lighting projects may

be eligible for consideration through our *Custom Efficiency* program. *Custom Efficiency* offers incentives for larger and more complex projects, including ones featuring emerging technologies, such as LEDs.

Lighting Calculator Updated

If you haven't used the Easy Upgrades Lighting Savings Incentive Calculator recently, you'll want to check out the updates that we've recently made in version 4.04.

The new lighting calculator will calculate pro-rated incentives on high-intensity discharge (HID) to fluorescent retrofits where light levels are significantly increased. It also has an "Add a Line" feature for projects that require more lines than were initially provided for the analysis.

The calculator still has a feature that will show when the *Custom Efficiency* program will provide a higher incentive than *Easy Upgrades*. To download the most recent calculator, go to www.idahopower.com/lightingcalculator.

Free Small Business Energy Evaluations

The Idaho Small Business Development Center (SBDC) unveiled their program to offer no-cost energy evaluations to Boise-area small businesses starting this fall.

This service will be provided in partnership with Boise State students. Starting with the fall semester, trained student teams will be providing free on-site energy evaluations. The teams will target businesses that:

- Are located within 20 miles of Boise State University.
- Have a building area of 10,000 square feet or less.
- Average less than 10,000 kWh per month of electricity use.

To learn more about how a Boise-area small business can "power up their bottom line" go to www.idahosbdc.org.

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 Idaho Power's "Save Energy Dollars" booklet, an incentive program overview, or other details about *Easy Upgrades*, contact Curt Nichols at 208-388-6484 or easyupgrades@idahopower.com.