

# Easy Upgrades UPDATE

## September 2009

### 2009 Incentive Payments Pass Milestone

More than \$2 million in *Easy Upgrades* incentives have been processed for payment so far in 2009.

These payments have gone to more than 760 applicants with completed energy-saving projects this year. Those projects have an annual energy savings of more than 22 million kilowatt-hours per year. That's enough electricity to fully power nearly 1,700 typical Idaho homes.

We've also received nearly 880 pre-apps this year. If your projects aren't included in our totals so far, please send them in. The application forms and process details are available online at [www.idahopower.com/easyupgrades](http://www.idahopower.com/easyupgrades).

For questions on the status of any applications submitted earlier, please call Mindi Shodeen at (208)388-5648.

### Trade Ally Workshops Coming Up

Contractors, distributors, and suppliers that want to learn more about *Easy Upgrades* are invited to attend a series of workshops this fall.

These free workshops will help our trade allies to better understand how to use this incentive program for their clients. They can attend one of the following workshops:

- Tuesday, Oct. 6 in Boise (breakfast included)
- Tuesday, Oct. 6 in Nampa (lunch included)
- Wednesday, Oct. 7 in Twin Falls (lunch included)
- Thursday, Oct. 8 in Pocatello (breakfast included)
- Friday, Oct. 9 in Ontario (breakfast included)

If you have received an invitation and would like to attend, please RSVP. If you have not received an invitation, please contact Mindi at [mshodeen@idahopower.com](mailto:mshodeen@idahopower.com).

### Program Participant Surveys

Idaho Power has surveyed *Easy Upgrades* participants to assess how helpful the program has been for them. This has been done since the program started.

In that time, more than 90 percent of the survey respondents have stated their agreement that they "received excellent value from Idaho Power through this program."

Now we're offering a similar opportunity for input to the contractors, suppliers and others that have worked on these projects also. Now, they can tell us what they think too.

The survey will ask about how much they use *Easy Upgrades*, how it works for them and their clients, and more. This input can help us make changes to the program that can make it even more helpful in the future.

To complete this on-line survey, simply click on the following link: [www.idahopower.com/tradeallysurvey](http://www.idahopower.com/tradeallysurvey).

### Idaho Energy Conference

Idaho Power is a Gold level sponsor for the 2009 Idaho Energy & Green Building Conference. This will be the 23<sup>rd</sup> version of this annual conference. Over that time this has become the go-to event for those that want to keep up with the newest trends and technologies in energy efficiency.

This year's event has the theme "Shaping an Environmental Legacy for Idaho." The topics that will be covered include new lighting products, stimulus funding, building codes, green building design and much more.

Everyone interested in energy efficiency or green building design is invited to attend this event. There are even opportunities to exhibit. You can learn more online at [www.idahocities.org](http://www.idahocities.org).

### Learn About Efficient Lighting

Trainers from the Lighting Design Lab in Seattle will be visiting Boise again this fall. They will be holding two classes on Wednesday, September 23.

The topics they will cover this time are "What's New in Lighting" and "Effective Lighting Retrofits". Don't miss this opportunity to get up-to-date on efficient commercial and industrial lighting technologies.

The \$30 registration cost for each class includes lunch. You can register online at [www.lightingdesignlab.com](http://www.lightingdesignlab.com).

### For More Program Information

Do you know of business or industrial facilities that could benefit from updating their lighting, cooling or other electrical 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*, contact Curt Nichols at (208)388-6484 or [easyupgrades@idahopower.com](mailto:easyupgrades@idahopower.com).