EDUCATION

July 18th, 2008 9:30 am-12:30 pm: Beyond Code: Energy Efficient Commercial Buildings
1010 Jorie Blvd, Oak Brook
3 HSW LUs in AIA/CES program, $40, Guidance and techniques for reducing energy usage in commercial buildings (both new designs and retrofits). Integrated design, modeling, and methods will be covered. Code implications will also be discussed.

July 18th, 2008 1:30 pm-3:30pm: Efficiency Benefits of the EPACT 2005
1010 Jorie Blvd, Oak Brook
2 HSW LUs in AIA/CES program, $30, Guidance and methods on the tax benefits available for commercial buildings and the quantification and requirements for tax credits and deductions under the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

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DCEO, COMED, and AMEREN ILLINOIS UTILITIES OFFER ENERGY EFFICIENCY INCENTIVE OPPORTUNITIES

On June 1, 2008, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) introduced new energy efficiency incentive programs. New legislation signed in August of 2007 by Governor Blagojevich established Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standard (EEPS) goals for Illinois that include escalating reduction in kilowatt hours delivered to electricity customers in ComEd and Ameren Illinois Utilities territories over the next several years. The legislation also includes access to energy efficiency portfolio funds obtained from ComEd and Ameren Illinois Utilities to support the incentives. These energy efficiency goals are among the most ambitious in the nation.

The DCEO Bureau of Energy and Recycling administers the energy efficiency portfolio programs and provides incentives for public sector facilities while ComEd and Ameren Illinois provide incentives for private sector commercial, industrial and residential customers. It is important to note that these incentives are available to customers in Ameren Illinois Utilities and ComEd’s electric service areas only. Look on page 2 for dates of ComEd and Ameren Workshops which will further explain the incentives. If your municipality/township is not a ComEd or Ameren Illinois Utility customer, the Bureau of Energy and Recycling at DCEO has other energy efficiency programs available for incentives and rebates that are not covered under this new portfolio.

The Public Sector Energy Efficiency Portfolio is comprised of grants and rebates that offer incentives to public sector entities to invest in more energy efficient equipment and systems. Improvements must be made to local government buildings that include county, township and municipal facilities as well as state and federal facilities. Other units of local government such as public safety, water and park districts are also eligible. Public K-12 schools, public community colleges, public universities are also encouraged to take advantage of the incentives.


Standard Incentive Program

This program provides financial incentives through grants and rebates to public sector entities for the adoption and installation of common energy efficiency measures. Eligible measures may include electric energy efficient upgrades such as lighting, HVAC, motors, refrigeration and traffic signals.

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Custom Incentive Program

The Custom Incentive Program provides financial incentives to public sector entities for electric efficiency improvements not covered by the Standard Incentive Program. The grants and/or rebates are customized incentives based on calculated savings of kilowatt hour reductions for specific projects and are subject to a set of defined caps. Improvements may be identified through the Smart Energy Design Assistance Center (SEDAC), Large-Customer Energy Analysis Program (LEAP), energy performance contracting providers or other technical engineering analyses.

Retro-Commissioning Program

The Retro-Commissioning Program provides funding to public sector customers to identify and implement low cost tune-ups and adjustments that improve the electrical efficiency of existing operating systems. The program is designed to improve the overall efficiency of public sector facilities by returning them to the intended operation or design specifications, with a focus on building control and HVAC systems. Retro-Commissioning (RCx) services will be delivered through a trained network of retro-commissioning providers operating in ComEd and Ameren Illinois service territories.

New Construction Program

The New Construction Program provides incentives to public sector entities to encourage the energy efficient design of new buildings or renovations, alterations or additions to existing facilities. The incentives will be based on how far beyond the Illinois Energy Code the building or the building components will be constructed.

How To Apply

If you are interested in applying for incentives for any of the programs listed above go to DCEO website at www.illinoisenergy.org where program guidelines, application and worksheets are posted under Public Sector Energy Efficiency Programs.