



Consumers Energy

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Consumers Energy Small Business Solutions

Everyone has the power to save.

The Consumers Energy Small Business Solutions

program offers services and incentives to help small businesses reduce their energy use and lower their energy costs.

Why is this good for your business?

The program makes it simple and affordable for small businesses to reduce their energy use and save money.

- A local, program-approved contractor will conduct a FREE facility assessment to identify potential energy-saving opportunities.
- The contractor will provide a detailed proposal with a clear list of recommendations and estimates of energy savings, project cost and payback period. The contractor handles all incentive paperwork.
- Your up-front project costs are reduced significantly since the incentives are paid directly to the contractor when the project is complete.
- The Consumers Energy Small Business Solutions program team may conduct a pre and/or post-installation inspection to assure quality and verify energy savings.
- The average project pays back its cost in less than one year!

What type of equipment qualifies for an incentive?

Typical measures include indoor and outdoor lighting retrofits, refrigeration controls and other proven technologies. Incentives may cover up to \$5,000 of the project cost and in some cases the program pays 100 percent of the project cost. Incentives and energy savings will vary based on project and existing building conditions.

Who is eligible to participate?

The Small Business Solutions program is available to Consumers Energy business customers with annual energy consumption of 300,000 kilowatt-hours or less, based on the last 12 months of billing history. The facility must be served by Consumers Energy and the project must result in energy efficiency improvements. The program has limited funding. Incentives will be provided until allocated funds are depleted.

Program Process

Step 1. Program Overview and Facility Survey

Contact the Small Business Solutions program team to determine your eligibility and arrange for a facility survey. A program-approved contractor will provide an overview of the incentives and conduct a facility assessment to identify energy-saving opportunities.

Step 2. Project Proposal

The contractor will give you a detailed project proposal (participation agreement) that includes expected savings, project costs and an incentive amount, which off-sets your up-front costs. To proceed with the project simply sign the participation agreement.

Step 3. Pre-installation Inspection

The Small Business Solutions program team may conduct a pre-installation inspection to ensure that the proposed measures are feasible and appropriate for your facility.

Step 4. Measure Installation

The program-approved contractor will contact you to schedule the installation. The measure typically can be installed with little to no business interruption.

Step 5. Project Completion Form

The program-approved contractor will sign a project completion when the project is complete. You must counter-sign the form to confirm that the work has been completed to your satisfaction.

Step 6. Post-installation Inspection

The Small Business Solutions program team may conduct a post-installation inspection to verify that all the measures were correctly installed.

Step 7. Final Project Notification

The Small Business Solutions program team will notify you and the program-approved contractor of the final incentive payment. The incentive will be paid directly to the contractor and the contractor will send you an invoice for your portion of the project cost.

Contact Us

To participate in the Consumers Energy Small Business Solutions program, please contact us to determine eligibility and request a facility assessment.

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