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SEDAC SERVICES

Energy Assessment

The program year is drawing to its close! Act now to receive an **[energy assessment](#)** for your facility. Energy assessments, quick advice, and implementation assistance are available across Illinois in Ameren Illinois, ComEd, Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas and North Shore Gas territories. **[Apply here](#)**, call us at 800-214-7954, or email us at **info@sedac.org** to determine eligibility and get started saving energy.

Spotlight on Savings

Brookfield-LaGrange Park School District 95 is committed to pursuing energy efficiency. In the past six years, Brook Park Elementary School and S. E. Gross Middle School have seen an energy reduction of 33%. Was there room for further improvement?



SEDAC energy assessments for the two facilities identified additional savings opportunities that could save the district approximately \$18,700 in annual energy costs, a 15% and 23% energy cost savings reduction for the two schools. The school is currently making plans to implement SEDAC's recommendations and to apply for ENERGY STAR certification for the buildings.

Rich Batka, Director of Buildings and Grounds, writes, "I found SEDAC to be very knowledgeable and helpful and even complimentary. It's been a great experience. I loved the reports. They clearly show where the savings are, so that we can plan it out and get a greater return on investment."

Read more about the school district's experience working with SEDAC **[here](#)**.

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Utility Program Energy Efficiency Announcements

ComEd Standard and Custom Incentives

The ComEd® Energy Efficiency Program offers [incentives](#) to help businesses and facilities reduce electricity use by improving the efficiency of their equipment. In order to be eligible for an incentive, all projects must be pre-approved. In order to qualify for 2018 incentives, all projects must be pre-approved and completed by December 31, 2018*.



ComEd Energy Efficiency Program incentive applications and worksheets can be found at ComEd.com/BizIncentives. For more information, email BusinessEE@ComEd.com or call 855-433-2700.

*To qualify for 2018 incentives, final applications must be submitted no later than 60 days from project completion, or February 28, 2019, whichever date comes first.

ComEd Public Sector Early Bird Bonus

Get rewarded for being early. Submit your ComEd® Energy Efficiency Program public sector final application(s) by November 17, 2017, and receive a 25 percent bonus*. Just think, no stress over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Remember that we need to receive all your final application documentation by November 17 to qualify for the bonus. Not sure what you need to submit? Review the final application checklist (page 2). After your final application is reviewed and approved, you'll receive the bonus with your incentive payment. Questions? Email BusinessEE@ComEd.com or call 855-433-2700.

**Bonus is just available for public sector standard incentive projects. Street light, custom and new construction projects are not eligible for a bonus.*

Park District Lighting Program

Get free project planning and application assistance for park districts to take advantage of ComEd's energy efficiency incentives for upgrading indoor and outdoor lighting. To be eligible for incentives, park districts must be within the ComEd service territory and projects must be completed and applications submitted by December 31, 2017.

For more information, visit the [Park District Lighting Incentive webpage](#) or contact Mary Jo Warskow, at maryjo.warskow@elevateenergy.org or 773-922-3018.

Ameren Illinois Energy Efficiency Program Reminder

In order to be eligible for the 15 percent incentive bonus, public sector projects must be completed and final paperwork submitted by November 30, 2017. Ameren Illinois encourages public sector facilities to take advantage of this limited time bonus as well as increased natural gas project incentives. For more information on the increased incentives and the public sector bonus, please visit AmerenIllinoisSavings.com/Public or call 866-800-0747.



Municipal Street Lighting Incentives

Incentives are available for upgrading municipally-owned street lights to LEDs for municipalities in the Ameren Illinois service territory. Elevate Energy offers free technical assistance to help with project planning and incentive applications. To be eligible for the incentive, LED lights must be [DesignLights Consortium](#) certified and projects must be

completed and final paperwork submitted by December 31, 2017. For more information about Ameren Illinois' street light incentives, visit AmerenIllinoisSavings.com, download the [informational flyer](#) or contact the Elevate Energy coordinator, Mary Jo Warskow, at maryjo.warskow@elevateenergy.org or 773-922-3018.

Building Industry Training and Education Series

The Building Industry Training & Education series returns this fall at events designed for the Illinois construction industry to support implementation of the 2015 IECC, effective statewide January 1, 2016. These events will also prepare participants for the potential update of the [Illinois Energy Conservation Code](#) to the 2018 IECC with reference to ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2016. Participate in our full-day code update or home builder breakfast and receive a copy of the 2018 IECC code book FREE!

Municipal code enforcement, designers, home builders, HVAC and home performance contractors, park districts, libraries, school and township officials, and other local governments throughout the ComEd, Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas, and North Shore Gas service territories are invited to participate.

- [2015 to 2018 IECC Illinois Energy Conservation Code \(full-day\)](#)
- [2015 IECC Illinois Energy Conservation Code for Home Builders \(breakfast\)](#)
- [ACCA Manuals "J, S, D" Right Sizing of HVAC Systems \(full-day\)](#)
- [Evaluating REM/Rate for Code Compliance using the Energy Rating Index \(half-day\)](#)
- [Trust-But-Verify, Understanding LEED Energy Modeling Submittals for Code Compliance \(half-day\)](#)

These events are approved for AIA CES LUs, PDH for PE's, BPI CEU, NATE and ICC CEU (ICC #1614).

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QUICK TIPS

Innovative Financing: Energy Savings Performance Contracting

Many facilities, particularly within state and local government, are severely constrained for capital and are unable to invest in energy efficiency, regardless of the attractive financial benefits.

Recent innovations in contracting and financing practices have enabled some organizations to implement efficiency measures while staying within their annual budget limits. **Energy Savings**

Performance Contracting (ESPC) is an innovative budget-neutral approach to financing efficiency projects. ESPC enables owners to implement cost-saving projects now, *without* dipping into their capital budgets. The resulting cost savings pay for efficiency projects over time. Projected annual savings from the projects are guaranteed to meet finance payments and other costs.



Read SEDAC's [Energy Savings Performance Contracting Tech Note](#) to learn more about:

- Energy-savings measures that can be financed through ESPC
- The ESPC Process
- How Energy Service Companies work with facilities to implement an ESPC
- Examples of ESPC

You can also view a "Financing Energy Efficiency" presentation from SEDAC's Tim Lindsey in our [presentation archives](#).

How SEDAC can help

Developing and implementing an energy savings performance contract can be a daunting task! Let SEDAC help you get started and provide independent guidance along the way. A first step may be to let SEDAC benchmark your facilities and complete an energy assessment to see if ESPC is a realistic option. Call us at 800-214-7954 or email us at info@sedac.org to get started.

SEDAC is an applied research center at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, working in collaboration with 360 Energy Group. SEDAC provides technical assistance and performs research to reduce energy consumption. SEDAC also provides energy efficiency services to Illinois public sector agencies through the utility energy efficiency programs.

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