2012 IECC PUBLISHED

The 2012 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) was published in May of 2011. The 2009 IECC is estimated to be 15-18 percent more efficient than the 2006 IECC. In addition, the 2012 IECC is expected to meet DOE’s goal of being 30 percent more efficient than the 2006 IECC. The International Code Council has also voted to remove energy efficiency provisions from the International Residential Code. As of the 2012 editions, energy efficiency requirements for residential applications will now be solely covered within the 2012 IECC, which also continues to cover nonresidential construction.

The State of Illinois is committed to adopting the latest version of the energy code. It is expected that the 2012 IECC will be adopted as the Illinois standard sometime in early 2012. Adoption of the 2012 IECC also will bring in ASHRAE Standard 90.1-2010, Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings, as an alternative compliance path for commercial buildings.

WANTED: DCEO TRADE ALLIES

What is a Trade Ally?

The DCEO Public Sector Energy Efficiency Program works closely with contractors, engineers and energy-saving product wholesalers, distributors and retailers who receive training on the program and understand program rules and procedures.

The benefits of being a Trade Ally

• Program incentives lower project costs for your customers.
• Customers looking for industry professionals with program knowledge can find your business listed on the DCEO Illinois Energy Now Trade Ally website.
• Networking opportunities with DCEO Program Managers and other Trade Alllies.
• Access to program marketing materials that help you sell energy efficient products and equipment.

Register for the next Trade Ally Basic Training webinar November 22, 2011.

To request a Trade Ally application click here or contact Sam Rinaldi, Trade Ally Program Manager, samr@uic.edu (312) 996-2554
BOILER TUNE-UP INCENTIVES

The Boiler Tune-Up Sale provides cash incentives for projects that increase the energy efficiency of local governments, municipal corporations, public school districts, community college districts, public universities, and state/federal buildings. Facilities located in the service territories of Ameren Illinois Gas, Nicor Gas, North Shore Gas, and Peoples Gas are eligible for the boiler incentives.

The Sale encourages the owners of natural gas boilers to invest in a boiler tune-up conducted by a qualified contractor. The Tune-Up should produce an average 6-10 percent efficiency gain in boiler operation and result in payback periods of less than 6 months, in most cases. While conducting the boiler tune-up, the program encourages the contractors to look for further energy savings opportunities within the boiler system. Mechanical (pipe) insulation repair/installment and steam trap repair/replacements all qualify for incentives under this sale. Other energy saving measures (not covered under this program offering) can also be identified by the contractors and incentives for these measures can be applied for separately through the DCEO Standard or Custom Programs.

For Guidelines and Application Worksheets go to www.illinoisenergy.org or contact:

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T12 LIGHTING PHASE-OUT

DCEO is offering up to $13 a lamp incentive for retrofit T8s and new T8 and T5 fixtures between June 1, 2011 and May 15, 2012.

ComEd Smart Ideas is offering an additional $2 per lamp bonus incentive for T12-to-T8 retrofits between September 1, 2011 and March 31, 2012.


ComEd Partnering with Nicor Gas to Reward Construction of High Performance Buildings

Qualifying energy-efficient new construction or major renovation projects eligible for up to $200,000 in incentives

The New Construction Service combines education, expert technical support and financial incentives to encourage building owners and design teams to exceed standard building practices to build high performance facilities in the ComEd and Nicor Gas service territories. New construction or major renovation projects in northern Illinois are eligible for up to $200,000 in incentives per project. The program is designed for office, hospital, school, university, warehouse, restaurant, retail and nonprofit facilities.

All funding is based on program year availability. Participants are encouraged to submit projects early to receive full benefit from energy saving services and incentives - as much as 10 cents per kWh and 50 cents per therm saved, depending on the project.

For more information on the program, visit www.ComEd.com/BizIncentives and click “New Construction”.

To participate in the Smart Energy Design Assistance Program, contact us at: (800) 214-7954 or info@SEDAC.org
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