ENERGY INCENTIVES STILL AVAILABLE FOR THIS PROGRAM YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 2012 - ACT NOW
-- CHECK WEBSITES FOR AVAILABILITY

Public Sector customers:
DCEO - ILLINOIS ENERGY NOW
Utility customers of:
COMED - SMART IDEAS®
AMEREN IL - ActOnEnergy®
NICOR
PEOPLES GAS
NORTH SHORE GAS

Non-profits, public buildings, and EEPS ineligible:
Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation

Remember, T12 lighting is being phased out; take advantage now of the T8 lighting incentives! ComEd and Ameren’s T12 BONUS incentive ends MARCH 31, 2012

NICOR GAS LAUNCHES NEW PROGRAM

Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency incentives help redevelop and revitalize communities through building upgrades.

The Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program (EEP) offers a new program that makes investing in energy efficiency easy and affordable for owners of commercial, industrial, and multi-family buildings. The Nicor Gas EEP Economic Redevelopment Program focuses on serving communities in need of economic redevelopment, as well as businesses and organizations that create jobs, offer social services, or provide affordable housing. The program offers financial incentives and extensive technical assistance to help building owners with every step of the process, from evaluating energy efficiency needs to applying for rebates and finding qualified contractors.

Projects that complete the recommended energy efficiency upgrades can qualify to receive up to $100,000 in rebates. The exact amount of incentive is based on the energy efficiency features implemented and energy saved. The program also offers extensive technical assistance (valued at up to $20,000) to help building owners through every step of the process.

Projects that qualify for this program include those that promote economic development in Enterprise Zones, TIF districts, or other economically challenged areas. Other projects that could qualify are those that create jobs, offer social services, rehabilitate brown fields or vacant buildings, or provide affordable housing. Qualifying facilities should be at least 10,000 square feet.

To apply for this program or for more information, please contact the Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Economic Redevelopment team at 773.328.7040 or ERP@cntenergy.org or visit NicorGasRebates.com/programs/economic.

Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program offers are available on a first-come, first-served basis. This offer is subject to change or termination without notice at the discretion of the Economic Redevelopment Program. The Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program, in compliance with state law, is a multi-year program funded by Nicor Gas ratepayers through a small charge identified on bills as “Energy Program.”

LUNCH AND LEARN
Public Sector Energy Efficient Induction Lighting

March 14 11AM - 1:30PM
REGISTER

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Visit Illinois Energy Now Trade Ally Program website:
www.erc.uic.edu/tradeallies
OTHER TRAINING

Emerging Illinois Electric Topics
The Electrical Board seminar

1. Overview of Illinois Emerging Electricity Issues
2. Renewable Energy, Parallel Generation, Net Metering
3. Energy Efficiency: funding programs and opportunities
4. Alternative Energy Supply options

Event Info
Date: March 29, 2012
Registration: 7:30AM
Seminar Time: 7:55AM to 12:00 noon
Location: Lincoln Land Community College
5250 Shepard Road
Springfield, IL 627094

Energy Code Training
Remaining training sessions with openings:

- Mar 16, 2012: John Wood Community College
- Mar 22, 2012: Black Hawk College
- Apr 11, 2012: Illinois Eastern Community College
- Apr 19, 2012: Illinois Valley Community College
- April 20: South Suburban College
- May 4: Wilbur Wright Community College

Go to www.illinoisenergy.org.
Sessions run from 8:00AM to 4:30PM.
Topics include:
- IECC 2012
- Blower Door Testing
- Duct Leakage Testing
- ASHRAE 90.1-2010
- IGCC 2012

ENERGY PRICE OUTLOOK FOR 2012

The Energy Information Administration (EIA) reports that natural gas spot prices averaged $2.67 per million Btu at the Henry Hub in January 2012, down $0.50 per million Btu from the December 2011 average and the lowest average monthly price since 2002. Abundant storage levels, as well as ample supply, have contributed to the recent low prices. EIA expects the Henry Hub spot price will begin to recover after this winter’s inventory draw season ends and will average $3.35 per million Btu in 2012, a decline of about $0.65 per million Btu from the 2011 average spot price.

Electricity prices are expected to remain fairly steady, with some regional variations. There might be a slight upward pressure as more coal-fired plants are retired and are replaced with gas-fired units.

EIA expects the price of West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil to average about $100 per barrel in 2012, almost $6 per barrel higher than the average price last year. Based on recent futures and options data, the market believes there is about a one-in-fifteen chance that the average WTI price in June 2012 will exceed $125 per barrel, and about a one-in-fifty chance that it would exceed $140 per barrel.

EIA expects that on-highway diesel fuel retail prices, which averaged $3.84 per gallon in 2011, will average $3.91 per gallon in 2012.

ELECTRIC CHARGING STATION REBATE

DCEO announces new Electric Vehicle Charging Station rebate and grant programs opening in mid March.

The electric vehicle charging station rebate programs will be targeted to residential electric vehicle owners and private and public fleets.

The Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Business Development Grant Program (EVSE) will provide funding for the purchase and installation of machinery, equipment, and new industrial systems to build the electric vehicle/charging station supply chain and support economic development in the State of Illinois.