

New Construction



Know your power to save before you build. Tacoma Power provides cash incentives to maximize the energy efficiency of your new construction project.

DO IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME

The design and planning stage of a building offers the greatest opportunity for ensuring energy-efficiency and cost-efficiency. Well-designed projects save energy dollars, are more comfortable for occupants and demand less from the environment.

Tacoma Power's incentives are designed to pay for most of the added costs of your efficiency improvements beyond the Tacoma Energy Code. Our expert assistance on new and major renovation commercial projects will help you identify and prioritize top efficiency opportunities including lighting and controls, mechanical systems, building shell improvements, motors and related equipment.

THE RIGHT INCENTIVE FOR YOU

Tacoma Power offers three types of incentives to support a range of project types. We have equipment rebates, prescriptive incentives and custom incentives.

EQUIPMENT REBATES

Equipment rebates help offset the upfront cost of specific energy-efficient equipment and are ideal for smaller buildings. Eligible equipment includes:

- Three-phase AC motors
- Air-conditioning equipment
- Heat pumps and chillers

PRESCRIPTIVE INCENTIVES

Prescriptive incentives help save energy in small office buildings. They are available for the installation of specific packages of measures that can save more energy than equipment rebates alone. Incentive levels are based on the office building's floor area. Incentives are:

- **Efficient lighting and lighting controls**
Incentive: 25 cents per square foot
- **Mechanical system and glazing improvements**
Incentive: 25 cents per square foot
- **Combination of the above two packages**
Incentive: 50 cents per square foot

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CUSTOM INCENTIVES

Custom incentives are intended for larger buildings. The incentives are for:

- Efficient lighting fixtures, lamps and controls
- Efficient mechanical systems, such as heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC)
- Efficient building shell (insulation and glazing)

Tacoma Power's custom incentive is 20 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh) of first year energy savings. We'll pay up to 100 percent of the incremental cost of the efficiency improvements (the cost of the improvements beyond the cost of a baseline Tacoma Energy Code installation). To qualify, the efficiency improvements must result in an energy performance at least 10 percent more than achieved when building to Tacoma's code.

DESIGN TEAM AND COMMISSIONING INCENTIVES

Tacoma Power may provide additional cash incentives for building designers and owners whose efficiency projects save 30 percent or more beyond the Tacoma Energy Code. To qualify, projects must be at least 30,000 square feet.

LOCAL BUSINESSES SAY . . .

"Tacoma Power played an integral role ensuring the lighting fixtures and controls met high-energy efficiencies in our new office space. Their proactive and integrated approach helped our design team realize our goals of reaching LEED Platinum level certification."

Dave Pool, BLRB Architects, Tacoma

GET STARTED

Call one of our energy experts for more information and to get started on your new construction energy-efficiency project.

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