

# EnergyUpdate

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## Good4Biz: Four ways your business can save

**M**aking energy-smart choices to reduce costs and improve operations is good for business. Visit [sdge.com/good4biz](http://sdge.com/good4biz) for a menu of options designed to help small and mid-sized businesses save energy and money. Get in touch with us for details by emailing [businessenergysavings@sdge.com](mailto:businessenergysavings@sdge.com).

Here are four ways we can help your business:

### 1. Expert help

Our team of energy professionals is at your service. You can get:

- On-site energy assessments at no cost.
- Guidance on rate options and access to helpful resources via personal energy advisors on the Small Business Team.
- New ideas for your business by exploring the latest energy-efficiency technologies and green building practices at our Energy Innovation Center.

- Free energy education and training to expand your knowledge of business energy solutions, improve operations, and increase your profit potential.

### 2. Personalized tools

Technology and tools for smart energy management include:

- My Account tools you can use to track energy use, build an action plan for savings and pay your energy bills online.
- Green Button apps and tools to analyze electricity use.
- Energy Waves, for online snapshots of your energy use.
- Free smart thermostats for qualifying businesses.

### 3. Financial incentives

Take advantage of rebates, incentives and interest-free financing for qualifying technologies, products and projects. You could save thousands of dollars through our programs for businesses of

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all types and sizes. Call our Energy Savings Center at **1-800-644-6133** to talk to an energy service specialist who can help you find the best opportunities for your business.

### 4. Billing options

Talk to us about new rates and payment plans that fit the way your business works. These include optional rate schedules to help lower your energy bill, bill credits for your excess solar or wind power through Net Energy Metering, our Level Pay Plan, payment arrangements and more.

Call our Business Contact Center at **1-800-336-7343** to speak with a customer service specialist who can answer your questions about billing, payment and rate options, arrange to start, stop or move your energy service, and help you with other energy needs related to your business. ■

**NOTE:** These programs are funded by California utility customers and administered by San Diego Gas & Electric® under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission. Programs may be modified or terminated without prior notice and are provided to qualified customers on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are no longer available. Eligibility requirements apply.

### ◀ SAVORING SAVINGS

*Gabriel Camacho estimates he's saving 25% to 30% on energy bills for his two restaurants at Seaport Village. Find out how we helped him and others in a series of short video success stories at [sdge.com/Good4Biz](http://sdge.com/Good4Biz).*

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## Wrap up projects and funding before Title 24 changes

If you've got new construction incentives or rebates in the works with us, be sure to get your projects and funding squared away before California raises the bar on Title 24 building energy-efficiency standards.

The more stringent 2013 Title 24 standards will take effect on July 1, 2014, replacing the 2008 Title 24 standards in effect since 2010 for new construction, additions and alterations to residential and nonresidential buildings.

California regulators and utilities are still working out details on how the building code changes will affect rebates and incentives. In general, though, higher baseline requirements for energy performance in the new standards mean that incentives could be harder to come by.

For example, funding for occupancy sensors, photocells and timers will be eliminated on July 1 when they become standard lighting controls. Funding will be reduced for water-cooled chillers and other projects that don't meet the new standards.

For more information, visit [sdge.com/T24update](http://sdge.com/T24update). ■



**Lock in new construction incentives and rebates before they change on July 1. Learn more at [sdge.com/T24update](http://sdge.com/T24update).**

## Manage summer cooling from your mobile device with smart thermostats

Want to cut your cooling costs this summer? Call our Energy Savings Center at **1-800-644-6133** to see if your business qualifies for free smart thermostats or other energy improvements.

### Use your phone or tablet as a remote control

With programmable communicating thermostats, you can use your smartphone or tablet to:

- Remotely control and monitor temperature settings at multiple sites.
- Manage an unlimited number of thermostats, thermostat zones and locations from anywhere.
- Modify occupancy schedules so air conditioning and heating automatically start and stop when you want.
- View reports on cooling and heating system performance for different facilities.
- Set up energy use alerts and service reminders.
- Change user and thermostat preferences.

### How you can qualify for this offer

Smart thermostats and installation are free to qualifying businesses that



*A smart thermostat that you can control remotely from your smartphone or tablet is available free to qualifying businesses, while supplies last.*

enroll in certain demand-response and energy-saving programs, while supplies last. You can also get financial incentives, technical assistance and special rates through our demand-response programs for businesses that reduce electricity use during peak times.

To learn how you can get your free thermostat, visit [sdge.com/Good4Biz](http://sdge.com/Good4Biz) or talk to one of our energy service specialists. You can reach us by calling the Energy Savings Center at **1-800-644-6133**, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. ■

## Now playing on YouTube

For quick ideas on saving energy and money, browse the Good4Biz playlist on our YouTube channel at [sdge.com/youtube](http://sdge.com/youtube). You'll find videos including:

- **"Your One-Stop Shop"**: Work with a dedicated energy advisor from our Small Business Team.

- **"How May We Help You?"**: Representatives in our Business Contact Center and Energy Savings Center specialize in business customer service. ■

