EnergyUpdate

Take advantage of an expert energy audit – you've earned it

ualifying businesses can get a customized roadmap to the best energy-saving opportunities by tapping our Comprehensive Audit Program or SDG&E's Business Energy Solutions Program.

Comprehensive **Audit Program**

A business with a minimum monthly on-peak demand of 100 kilowatts (kW) of electricity for three months can receive a Category 1 high-level energy audit. Findings are reviewed with an SDG&E® account executive and/or auditor to see which energy-saving programs are the right fit.

A business that plans to implement the recommended measures within one year would move onto the Category 2 audit. More detailed analyses of selected measures



"We've collaborated with SDG&E and they make recommendations on retrofits that we can do to become more energy efficient."

- Susan Freed, Project Manager, Energy and Sustainability Program, County of San Diego (shown at left with SDG&E Account Manager Dinah Willier)

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Peak hours switch to 5-8 p.m. Nov. 1

As part of the Whenergy® pricing plan for your business, winter peak hours take effect Nov. 1-April 30. On-peak rates for electricity are limited to 5-8 p.m. weekdays, with lower prices in effect at other times. For more information, visit sdge.com/Whenergy.

with investment-grade savings and financial calculations and deliverables are available.

Contact your account executive to schedule an audit or complete the online request form at sdge.com/cap.

SDG&E's Business Energy **Solutions Program**

For businesses with monthly demand of 200 kW or less (in a 12-month period), the program offers a no-cost energy audit in addition to energysaving improvements. Learn more at sdge.com/bes.

On-Bill Financing

In addition, energy-saving upgrades in both programs may be eligible for a loan at 0% interest, with monthly installments based on your estimated monthly energy savings. To learn more, visit **sdge.com/obf**.

Simple steps help you heat for less

Here are some steps you can take at little or no cost to help save money on space heating when it's cold outside.

Prepare for cold weather

 Whether you use natural gas or electricity to heat your facility, have a qualified technician test, clean and adjust your equipment once a year, before cold weather arrives. Tuneups and other routine maintenance help your heating, ventilating and air-conditioning (HVAC) equipment run efficiently and safely, and last longer. You can find local HVAC specialists in

our Trade Professional Directory at sdge.com/find-trade-pro.

- Find out if your business (or home) qualifies for free smart thermostats. Fill out the interest form at sdae.com/EUT.
- Use caulk to seal cracks with no moving parts, such as where a wall meets the floor or surrounds a pipe, vent or window frame.
- Install weatherstripping in gaps that have moving parts, such as window sills and door jambs.

During cold weather

- Set the thermostat at 68 degrees or lower when heating your facility, comfort and health permitting. Set back or turn off the thermostat when your facility isn't occupied.
- Clean or replace air filters every month during peak heating season.
- Keep the areas in front of air registers clear.

For more ways to save energy and money, visit sdge.com/wts.



Get green energy with no upfront or long-term costs

You don't need to install rooftop solar panels to run your business on 100% renewable energy.
With our EcoChoiceSM program:

- You can buy renewable energy at a subscription level of your choice.
- There are no upfront costs and no equipment to install.

By subscribing to EcoChoice, you'll be supporting the construction of new, local renewable energy facilities.

Pricing will be based on the energy cost from EcoChoice projects, which may result in a higher electric rate. Once you're enrolled, you can keep your EcoChoice service as long as you remain within our service area.

EcoChoice will be available in January 2017. To learn more and join our interest list, visit **sdge.com/ecochoice**.



EcoChoice offers you the option of receiving up to 100% of your electricity from renewable sources. Our standard power mix currently includes about 35% renewable energy.

Year-round savings can add up with technology incentives

For a better bottom line, use our Technology Incentives Program to purchase and install qualifying automated demand-response technologies in your facilities. Using an automated energy management system gives employees:

- The immediate ability to monitor, control and optimize energy use.
- Information to make decisions on how and when your company uses energy.
- Confidence knowing that the load-reduction plan can be programmed in advance of a high-use day, so your facility's electric load can be reduced in a fully automated way.
- Help managing daily energy use, not just on demand-response days, which allows for year-round savings.

Earn back your technology investment

The Technology Incentives Program covers up to 100% of the cost of buying and installing equipment that fully automates on-peak electric load reduction.*

Take advantage of this program now because it will be changing in 2017. For more information:

- Download and review the Technology Incentives Application at sdge.com/TI.
- Contact your SDG&E account executive.

*Certain eligibility requirements apply. Any in-house costs associated with installation will not be considered part of the cost of the installed measure(s).





All types of businesses can earn financial incentives for installing technologies that automate reduced energy use during critical peak periods. The Technology Incentives Program has, for example, helped the Timken Museum in Balboa Park (bottom photo) participate in demandresponse events for additional incentives and manage energy use year-round. Visit sdge.com/TI to learn more.

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