

Bank Your Power

Energy Incentives for Small Business



Customers of Lincoln Electric System (LES) are eligible for financial incentives to increase energy efficiency. In addition to incentives offered by LES there are new loan programs and incentives for energy efficiency projects from the state and federal government for which a business may qualify.

Incentives

Lincoln Electric System offers incentives for installation of high efficiency heat pumps, maintenance on commercial heating and cooling systems, whole house tune-ups, and retrofitting of commercial and industrial lighting. LES also offers grants to business customers for energy-efficiency projects.

- Commercial customers can receive incentive payments of \$10 per ton of cooling capacity up to 50 tons for HVAC maintenance.
- Customers can receive incentive payments of \$10 to \$75 per fixture for upgrades to lighting depending on the type and size of the lamp.
- Commercial and Industrial customers are eligible for a partial payment of an evaluation of their energy use and recommendations for reducing energy costs.
- Customers may be eligible for grants between \$10,000 and \$50,000 to employ energy efficiency projects.
- LES small to mid size commercial customers and residential customers can receive between \$150 and \$500 per ton for installing a high-efficiency heat pump.
- Residential customers can receive up to \$200 for weatherization and HVAC maintenance as part of the “Whole House Tune-Up” program.
- LES Website - http://www.les.com/your_les/SEP/sustainable_energy_program.asp

Lighting Efficiency Incentive – http://www.les.com/your_les/SEP/sep_lighting.asp

Replace T12 fluorescents or High Intensity Discharge (HID) lighting with T8 or T5 fluorescents.	\$10 to \$75 per fixture
Replace mercury vapor lighting with efficient high pressure sodium lighting.	
Replace incandescent exit signs with light-emitting diodes (LEDs) exit signs.	

Nebraska Energy Office - <http://www.neo.ne.gov/>

Community wind projects	100% tax exemption
Loans for energy efficiency projects	2.5% interest rate
Loans for energy saving improvements	5% interest rate
<i>* New NEO incentives may be available. See database or website for updates.</i>	

Federal

Installation of energy reduction or energy efficient equipment.	Tax credits of \$0.30 to \$1.80 per square foot depending on type of energy reduction.
New home construction	\$1,000 to \$2,000 tax credits
Install solar or renewable energy technology	Receive up to 30% of costs (grant money).
Install fuel cells	30% of cost up to \$500 per .5kW of power capacity
Alternative fuel providers	30% tax credit through 2010
<i>* New Federal incentives may be available. See database or website for updates.</i>	

For more detailed information on incentives from all area power companies, the state and federal government, visit the Website at:
<http://nbdc.unomaha.edu/energy/index2.cfm>

Click on your state and then select your power company from the list. A detailed list of incentives from the power company, the state, and federal government will be displayed.