

# Take Control & Save<sup>®</sup>

A Cooperative Effort for Energy Efficiency

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## High efficiency business lighting



### Business lighting facts

Lighting is a critical component of every small business. Areas that are not well lit may cause safety hazards, and floor space should be aesthetically pleasing to encourage sales.

You may be surprised to learn that lighting can take a larger share of a building's electricity use than any other single end use. Lighting systems produce large amounts of heat as well, and are typically the largest source of waste heat inside commercial buildings. Energy-efficient lighting, such as light emitting diodes (LEDs), not only use less energy but also emit less heat than other less efficient lighting options. This decreases internal heat gain and reduces a building's cooling requirements.<sup>1</sup>

### Light for less

Your business may be spending much more than needed to effectively light your facilities. Significant cost savings can be achieved with energy-efficiency improvements, and due to continually improving technology, lighting usually provides the highest return-on-investment of major upgrades.

With good design, most lighting upgrades can cut energy use in half while maintaining or improving lighting quality. Such designs typically pay for themselves in energy savings alone within a few years, and they offer more benefits in terms of the potential for smaller and less costly cooling systems and more productive work environments.

Combine this with rebates from your cooperative to save even more!



<sup>1</sup>ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup>; [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)

# Your Cooperative's High-efficiency business lighting rebate program



## Do you qualify?

Your cooperative is offering this rebate program to commercial, industrial and agricultural cooperative business members. Only members with 10 or more fixtures at their installation site will qualify. The rebate amount will be determined prior to installation and calculated based on an audit of existing and replacement lighting. The total rebate amount is limited to \$30,000 per member per year.

Rebates may be taxable, so please consult your tax advisor. If your rebate amount is more than \$600, it will be reported as income on IRS Form 1099, unless you have identified yourself as a corporation or have tax-exempt status. Your cooperative is not responsible for any taxes that may be imposed on you as a result of the rebate.

## What bulbs and fixtures are eligible for a rebate?



LED (light emitting diode)  
lights and fixtures



LED (light emitting diode)  
exit signs

*\*Plus other technologies listed in the lighting rebate tables, available from your electric cooperative.*

## How do I participate?

Simply follow these five steps:

**Step 1** - A walk through of your facility must be conducted by the cooperative or designated representative to audit the existing lighting inventory. Contact your local electric cooperative to schedule an appointment.

**Step 2** - Work with your lighting vendor or maintenance personnel to select the new lighting equipment you want to install. Provide your local cooperative with a list of the proposed lights; including the type, wattage and price per fixture.

**Step 3** - Your cooperative will enter both the existing and proposed lighting into the Take Control & Save business lighting calculator to develop an estimate of the rebate amount your lighting upgrade is eligible to receive.



**Step 4** - Install the new lighting, then contact your electric cooperative for a final audit of your facility to verify installed lighting. Provide your cooperative with a detailed invoice that includes the quantity of lights installed, wattage and price per fixture.


**Step 5** - Your cooperative will reconcile the invoices with the proposed fixtures entered in the Take Control & Save business lighting calculator before issuing the rebate.

Contact your local electric cooperative for more information.

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