

Business Energy Efficiency Opportunity in Xcel Energy Service Area

The **Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) One-Stop Efficiency Shop®** is a full-service rebate program available throughout Xcel Energy's Minnesota service territory to small businesses with a monthly electric demand of 400 kilowatts or less.ⁱ For more information or to see if your business is eligible, please contact **Cindy Kelly at 612-244-2427** or ckelly@mncee.org.

Program services include:

- A free audit with detailed recommendations, estimated project costs, rebates, and savings.
- Substantial rebates up to 60% of the project cost.
- Convenient and attractive financing options.
- A simple, one-stop service that minimizes participant time.
- A pool of qualified contractors to reduce the hassle of collecting bids.
- Start-to-finish oversight of the entire upgrade.
- Completion of all program paperwork.

Note: This audit would entail a no cost, unbiased analysis of your interior and exterior lighting with recommendations and energy analysis provided. If you would decide to implement all or some of the recommendation, you would work with CEE to ensure the prescribed recommendations were installed, and they would assist with rebates available.

Businesses that qualify for One Stop Lighting program would also qualify for free HVAC and refrigeration analysis. Starting with lighting would be recommended and information gathering on other building technologies could take place at that time. All rebates and services are sponsored by Xcel Energy.

Other Audit / Assessment Options available

Comprehensive Energy Audit. If the above audits / energy analyses is not what you need, there is another free option through what is called RETAP. If you choose an option that includes more than the above, you would want to connect with an energy auditor (CEM or CEA) and there would be a cost involved. Until March 30, 2019 there is Energy Audit Assistance funds available through the SRDC in the amount 75% of up to \$750. ⁱⁱ Contact Netty, the SW Clean Energy Resource Team Coordinator (507.836.1631 or netty@swrdc.org) for more information about the other audit / assessment options available.

Financing: Various sources may be available for financing a retrofit or energy efficiency / renewable energy:

- CEE has a business loan program available at 3.9% ⁱⁱⁱ
- RMEB / SRDC PACE financing ^{iv} - financing of the project would be on your property taxes
- Local Finance Institution
- Sometimes, businesses will find a rapid return on investment and self-finance.

ⁱ <https://www.mncee.org/services/commercial-programs/>

ⁱⁱ <http://rmeb.org/PACE/BusinessEnergyAuditApplication.pdf>

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://www.mncee.org/services/financing/business/>

^{iv} <http://rmeb.org/pace.htm> RMEB = Rural Minnesota Energy Board, SRDC = Southwest Regional Development Commission, PACE = Property Assessed Clean Energy