

Power Smart Opportunities Spell Greater Profitability for B.C. Businesses

Businesses across B.C. are enjoying the benefits of enhanced energy efficiency, thanks to BC Hydro's Power Smart High-Performance Building Program for Small to Medium Commercial Buildings.

The program provides new commercial buildings a competitive edge by supporting the inclusion of energy-efficient lighting design and technologies. It also offers tools and incentives to help building owners and their design teams create and install lighting designs that will reduce operating costs and create better spaces for occupants.

"High-performance buildings offer a healthier and more comfortable space, cost less to operate and maintain, and have lower environmental impact," said program manager Elizabeth Johnston. "Recent research conducted in Canada, Britain and the U.S. shows that these benefits can add up to greater asset value and higher profit."

After participating in a program pilot, Inland Kenworth Ltd. created an energy-efficient lighting design for its truck bay area that provides savings of 33,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per year. The project qualified for a program incentive of \$4,600, bringing the simple payback down from 8 to 3.5 years.

Take advantage of the opportunity to improve your bottom line through enhanced energy efficiency. For more information on the High Performance Building Program for Small to Medium Commercial Buildings, visit www.bchydro.com/business, call 604 453-6400 in the Lower Mainland or 1 866 453-6400 elsewhere in B.C.

Conservation is the first and best choice for starting to meet B.C.'s growing need for electricity.