

Commercial New Construction

Frequently asked questions

At PSE, we want our customers to have the information and support needed to get the most out of our energy-management programs. Thank you for being an important part of our energy-saving efforts. Below is a list of frequently asked questions that we receive from customers about our Commercial New Construction program.

Q. If my new commercial building is built to current code standards, can I receive an incentive?

A. No. This program awards incentives for installing systems that exceed code efficiency requirements.

Q. My building is under 50,000 square feet. Can I still participate in a whole-building incentive option?

A. Yes. If your building exceeds Washington State Energy Code (WSEC) in multiple areas and you anticipate at least 10% savings compared to code, you can participate in our EUI performance method. More info [here](#): pse.com > business > efficiency & green options > new construction > commercial new construction grants > how you apply.

Q. I have an energy model for my proposed building, but it reflects an early design. Can I still use it for the energy model approach?

A. No. The submitted energy model must reflect the proposed design as accurately as possible. More information regarding energy model requirements can be found [here](#): pse.com > business > efficiency & green options > new construction > commercial new construction grants > how you apply.

Q. My building will have renewable generation, does that count toward my energy savings?

A. No. PSE efficiency incentives can only be applied to energy-efficiency measures, not energy generation.

Q. I have a multifamily new construction project. Can I participate in this program?

A. No. We have a separate Multifamily New Construction program that provides design advice and real-time energy modeling. They also offer higher incentives for affordable housing projects. More information can be found [here](#): pse.com > business > efficiency & green options > new construction > multifamily projects.

Q. My new building will not save 10% at a whole-building level, but there are certain systems that exceed code. Can I still participate in this program?

A. Yes. For projects that have lighting systems that exceed code you can apply for a lighting-only incentive using our [Business Lighting application](#): pse.com > business > efficiency & green options > business incentives > lighting > business lighting incentive program.

For non-lighting high-efficiency systems, you can participate in our new construction component approach. Learn more [here](#): pse.com > business > efficiency & green options > new construction > commercial new construction grants > how you apply.

Q. What are common efficiency measures seen in this program?

A. There are many systems that could qualify for incentives, including but not limited to the following:

- HVAC
 - DOAS with heat recovery
 - High-efficiency condensing boilers
 - Air/water/ground-source heat pumps
 - Advanced HVAC controls
 - Demand control ventilation
 - High-efficiency heat recovery chillers
- Lighting
 - LED fixtures and LED fixtures with automatic controls
 - LLLC controls (occupancy, daylighting, zone controls)
 - Exterior LED fixtures and network lighting controls
 - Lighting components, CFL-LED lamps and HID-LED lamps
 - TLED lamp replacements
- Envelope
 - Roof/wall insulation that exceeds code requirements
 - Windows that exceed code requirements

Q. What's the best way to learn more about this program?

A. Full program details are available on our [website](#), as well as downloads with program details and requirements for all program options: pse.com > business > efficiency & green options > new construction > commercial new construction grants.

If you have additional questions you can contact a PSE Energy Advisor at 1-800-562-1482, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific.



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