What is ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR is a voluntary partnership between government, business and individuals united to protect our environment for future generations by implementing energy-efficient practices today. ENERGY STAR is sponsored jointly by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Last year alone, ENERGY STAR helped businesses and consumers save more than $10 billion in energy costs while reducing greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those generated by 20 million cars.

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The ENERGY STAR Label

The ENERGY STAR Building Label is awarded to buildings that exhibit high energy efficiency without sacrificing occupant safety and comfort. These buildings are given national recognition for their energy performance. Also, each recognized building is presented with a plaque that can be mounted in the building visible to occupants, visitors and community members.

To receive the ENERGY STAR Building Label the building owner must:

- benchmark their building(s)
- have a professional engineer verify and prepare a statement of energy performance
- submit a completed application

The Energy Office staff is available to assist with the benchmarking and application processes. This Office is also offering a limited time incentive to help public agencies pay for the statement of energy performance.

Who Can Qualify:

To qualify for the ENERGY STAR Building Label the building must be a K-12 school, office, hospital, computer data center, garage or parking lot. The building also must be in the top 25% for energy efficiency in the nation compared with buildings used for a similar purpose.

The Incentive

A financial incentive will be offered to eligible organizations after they have applied for the ENERGY STAR Building Label and may only be applied toward the Professional Engineer's fee for the statement of energy performance. The average cost of the Professional Engineer Verification is between $0.01 and $0.02 per gross square foot.

Any Michigan public school, college, university, local governments, state and federal facilities can qualify for the ENERGY STAR Label Incentive. The incentive will cover 50% of the professional engineer's fee up to $1,000 and is available on a first come, first served basis until funds are exhausted. There is a limit of 10 incentives per organization.

For buildings that renew their ENERGY STAR Label a second year level of funding will be available . This amount will cover 50% of the verification fee up to $500.

In addition, the Energy Office will conduct an interview with a facility representative to collect information for a case study. This case study will be published on the Michigan Energy Office website.

For additional information on the Michigan Energy Office visit: www.michigan.gov/energyoffice

For further details on the ENERGY STAR Building Program and the requirements visit: www.energystar.gov

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