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Coming Soon: Q3 Updates to the Incentives Application and Solutions Directory

By mid-November, an updated Energy Management Solutions (EMS) Incentives Application and Solutions Directory will be available on www.sce.com/solutions. As soon as the updated tools are available, we'll inform you via a Special Edition e-newsletter.

Reminder: Required Authorized Participants Agreement

As an important reminder, if you are submitting incentives applications on behalf of an SCE business customer, you must complete, sign, and submit a copy of the SCE [Authorized Participant Agreement](#) form with each application.

Click [here](#) for more information, and here for helpful [FAQs](#).

Incentives Application Processing - Updated October 28

Check out the What's New section of the [Online Application Tool](#) for new application processing updates, as of October 28.

As a reminder, we'll continue to post real-time updates on the What's New section, and leverage the Contractor

The Contractor Connection E-Newsletter brings you information on Integrated Demand-Side Management (IDSM) solutions, resources, and technologies to help address your customers' energy management needs.

This edition brings you updates on a new licensed contractor confirmation requirement, Express and Customized Solutions, and more.

New Licensed Contractor Confirmation Requirement

To create a stronger culture of compliance with contractor licensing and permitting in California, on October 8, 2011, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. signed into law [Senate Bill \(SB\) 454](#). This bill prohibits a public utility from issuing rebates/incentives for energy efficiency improvements unless the recipient of the rebate/incentive certifies that the improvement or installation has complied with applicable permitting requirements and licensing requirements. As a result, SCE will be including a confirmation check box in the incentives application's signature section, which reads:

"I hereby acknowledge the following: By checking this box, I confirm that I will/have used a licensed contractor, where applicable, and will/have obtained all required permits for this installation."

This requirement will become effective in mid-November 2011 once the updated incentives application goes live (see first sidebar article). Once available, your customers must check the box in order to be eligible to receive incentives. Applications that do not have the box checked will be placed on hold and risk being declined if our processing team cannot obtain customer confirmation.

On the paper and excel formats of the incentives application, this check box will be placed under Section 10. On the online application, this checkbox will be included in the signature process (which can be done electronically or manually).

Since contractor licensing and permit requirements are generally governed by local jurisdictions and vary by city and county, your customers should check with their local city and/or county to ensure they are in compliance with applicable laws before proceeding with the work.

Connection E-Newsletter for more comprehensive updates, if necessary.

Reminder: Submit your Complete Applications Now

We're still accepting and processing incentives applications as efficiently as possible. The sooner you submit your complete Express and Customized Solutions applications, the sooner your projects can be processed and paid.

For incentives application processing updates, visit the What's New section of the [Online Application Tool](#).

Coming soon in Q1 2012

Through previous e-newsletters and several contractor events, you've been hearing about becoming certified through the California Advanced Lighting Controls Training Program (CALCTP). Act now, because in Q1 2012 SCE will offer customers special benefits for utilizing CALCTP-certified contractors. Stay tuned for more information.

Click [here](#) to learn more about CALCTP and sign up today.

Highlight on Upcoming Energy Education Centers' Class

Take advantage of SCE's free classes to help you learn the latest energy efficiency, demand response, and solar technologies.

December 16, 2011

Basics of LED Technology
8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Santa Clarita

Attendees will gain a basic understanding of light-emitting diode (LED) technology, with an emphasis on benefits and limitations for real world applications. Come learn about the history, current status, and the future of LED technology which will help make better decisions resulting in energy savings.

For more information, check out our list of common [FAQs](#), or email IDSMQuestions@sce.com.

Express and Customized Solutions Update

T12 Basecases for Lighting Solutions Impacted by Federal Mandate

In September of 2009, the Department of Energy amended the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (EPCA), requiring higher efficiency standards for lighting. As a result, in July 2012, efficiency baselines for lighting will be raised, impacting T12s. As such, T12 lighting basecases will no longer be eligible for select Express and Customized lighting solutions. Detailed impacts are as follows:

- Effective July 1, 2012, [select Express linear fluorescent solutions](#) with T12 lighting basecases will expire. Express Installed applications and Express Pending Installation Reports with these expiring solutions must be received on or before June 30, 2012 to qualify for incentives.
- Effective July 1, 2012, [eligibility requirements for select Express and Customized lighting solutions](#) will be modified to incorporate higher baselines. Express Installed applications, Express Pending Installation Reports, and Customized Installation Reports for projects with T12 lighting basecases applying for these solutions must be received on or before June 30, 2012 to qualify for incentives.

As we continue to evaluate the impact of this mandate, it is possible that we may identify other lighting technologies which to expire, modify requirements, or reduce incentive levels. We will communicate these changes in future Contractor Connection E-Newsletter editions.

Expired: Express Cold Cathode Fluorescent Lamp Solutions

The following Express cold cathode fluorescent lamp solutions have now expired:

- LT-94919: Cold cathode fluorescent lamp -16 watts with electronic ballast @ \$30.00/fixture
- LT-61224: Cold cathode fluorescent lamp - 32 watts with electronic ballast @ \$30.00/fixture

Only complete Express Installed applications and Express Pending Installation Reports that were received by October 31, 2011, are eligible for incentives.

Expiring Soon: Express and Customized LED Exit Sign Solutions

Click [here](#) to learn more and register for this class.

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Due to Title 20 and California codes and standards requirement, effective January 1, 2012, the following Express and Customized LED exit sign solutions will expire.

Express Solutions:

- LT-25510: Incandescent lamp existing @ \$27.00/fixture
- LT-85327: Compact fluorescent lamp existing @ \$15.00/fixture

Customized Solutions:

- LT-80367: LED exit sign @ \$0.05/kWh and \$100/kW

Express Installed applications, Express Pending Installation Reports, and Customized Installation Reports with these expiring solutions must be received on or before December 31, 2011, to qualify for incentives.

Expiring Soon: Express Wine Tank Insulation Solutions

Since wine storage tank insulation has become an industry standard for the wine industry, effective January 1, 2012, the following Express wine tank insulation solutions will expire:

- RF-75849: Indoor tank @ \$2.25/sq. ft.
- RF-94332: Outdoor tank-Coastal @ \$3.00/sq. ft.
- RF-89431: Outdoor tank-Central Valley @ \$3.75/sq. ft.

Express Installed applications and Express Pending Installation Reports with these expiring solutions must be received on or before December 31, 2011, to qualify for incentives.

Modified Eligibility Requirement: Customized Refrigeration Solution

As an additional impact, effective November 1, 2011, wine tanks are no longer eligible for the following Customized refrigeration solution:

- RF- 20654: Insulating storage tanks @ \$0.09/kWh and \$100/kW

Customized Solutions Installation Reports for wine tanks that are applying for this solution must have been received by October 31, 2011, to qualify for incentives.

Click on the following links for more information on [Express Solutions](#) and [Customized Solutions](#).

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