

ecoENERGY

and Municipal Buildings

Design your new buildings to be more efficient with little to no incremental costs, or retrofit your existing buildings with measures that pay for themselves over time.

Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) has developed the following products and services to help municipalities and other organizations improve energy efficiency in buildings:

Through **ecoENERGY for Buildings and Houses** (www.ecoaction.gc.ca/buildings), you can access training and workshops, free software such as EE4 and RETScreen®, and technical publications, case studies and newsletters. The program supports the update of the *Model National Energy Code for Buildings* (MNECB) and is working with provinces and territories to develop a voluntary energy labelling system for buildings. If you are designing a new building or addition that is at least 25% better than the current MNECB, you can apply for a validation from NRCan. The department promotes financing options such as energy performance contracting and best practices such as building optimization (commissioning and re-commissioning). Collaboration with stakeholder associations, utilities and service providers is also a strong component.

A financial incentive, **ecoENERGY Retrofit – Small and Medium Organizations** (www.ecoaction.gc.ca/retrofit), helps improve buildings that are 20,000 square metres or less. After performing a pre-project energy audit and completing the application forms, your municipality could be eligible for the lesser of \$10 per gigajoule of estimated annual energy savings or 25% of project costs. The maximum incentive is \$50,000 per project and \$250,000 per organization over the life of the program.

Another incentive, **ecoENERGY for Renewable Heat** (www.ecoaction.gc.ca/beat) offers 25% of purchase, instal-




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lation and certain other costs for qualifying solar air and water heating systems, up to \$80,000 per installation.

If your municipality is applying for either of these incentives from NRCan, it is important you do not incur costs until you receive a signed *Contribution Agreement*. As well, you can also apply for complementary incentives from energy utilities, other orders of government and from the

Federation of Canadian Municipalities' **Green Municipal Fund** (see page 32) (www.sustainablecommunities.fcm.ca/GMF).

For more information on Government of Canada programs after visiting the ecoACTION Web sites above, please contact the Office of Energy Efficiency at www.oe.nrcan.gc.ca/buildings/contact or call 1-877-360-5500. 

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