



70% Incentives available for RI Small Businesses

Over \$1.28 million dollars in energy savings realized by Rhode Island Small Business Owners

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Providence, RI – In 2009 over 700 small businesses, non-profits, and government facilities completed electrical efficiency upgrades, thanks to the National Grid Small Business Services initiative delivered in Rhode Island by RISE Engineering.

The National Grid effort, part of its wide array of efficiency programs designed to reduce long term demand for electricity, resulted in investments of over \$4.2 million, with electric bill savings of over \$1.28 million for program participants.

As small businesses begin the 2010 budget year, identifying opportunities to save money becomes more apparent. “With up to 70% incentives available through the Small Business Services Program from National Grid, the planning process can become easier”, said Rick Galipeau, director of C/I services at RISE Engineering. “Small business owners can realize significant savings, with no upfront dollars spent. The lower cost of electrical usage combined with the incentive from National Grid offset the cost of the initial improvement. Add to that no-interest financing for up to two years, and often a business can see positive cash-flow from day one”, Galipeau stated.

While lighting upgrades are the most common improvements, participants have also used the program’s turnkey services to install energy management systems, premium efficiency motors and drives, new compressors, vending machine controls, and LED refrigerator case lights – all at a fraction of their full installed value.

To take advantage of the free energy assessment and the one-stop services offered by RISE Engineering on behalf of National Grid, visit the program’s web site and sign up for a free energy analysis [National Grid Small Business Services](#)

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