



2008 Illinois BusinessCheck[®] Program

**Enhance the bottom
line of your business by
improving your overall
energy efficiency.**





If you are a qualifying small business, the MidAmerican EnergyAdvantage® BusinessCheck® energy audit can start reducing your energy costs immediately and can provide additional ways to save on your future energy costs.

Investing in energy efficiency could be one of the best decisions you'll ever make.

WHAT IS A BUSINESSCHECK ENERGY AUDIT?

It is an evaluation of how your small business uses energy and includes specific recommendations on ways you can use energy more efficiently and reduce your monthly energy bill. MidAmerican's energy auditor also will install several energy-saving measures designed to provide immediate energy and cost savings for the building owner or occupants at no cost.

All small buildings where MidAmerican delivers electricity and/or natural gas in its **Illinois** service territory are eligible to be enrolled in the BusinessCheck program, including small retail businesses, restaurants, small office buildings, governmental organizations, churches, health care facilities and other for-profit and non-profit organizations' small buildings. The program is designed to evaluate energy use in buildings **up to 25,000 square feet**. For energy audits of larger facilities, call MidAmerican at 800-292-6448 to learn more about the Nonresidential Energy Analysis program.

HOW DOES AN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AUDIT WORK?

A BusinessCheck energy audit is performed by an energy specialist. The audit begins with a walk-through assessment of your building, scheduled at your convenience. The energy audit consists of the following:

- **Data collection.** MidAmerican's energy auditor

examines the entire facility, including windows, doors, insulation levels, lighting, heating, cooling, and other energy-using equipment specific to operating your business or organization.

- **Summary report of findings.** The auditor will leave the owner or building manager with an initial summary of the audit findings and observations. The auditor will review the findings point-by-point and will answer any questions. Within a few weeks, a formal audit report will be mailed to the owner and building manager.
- **Recommendations.** The audit report will include recommendations for energy-saving actions, complete with estimates of energy-savings potential and general cost estimates for each recommended action, including low- or no-cost suggestions for quick energy savings.
- **Rebate incentives.** The audit report will contain information about MidAmerican's rebates available to help ease the cost of investing in high-efficiency equipment for long-term energy and energy cost savings.

WHY SHOULD I DO A BUSINESSCHECK AUDIT?

Participants in MidAmerican's BusinessCheck program receive three main benefits:

- **Trustworthy energy-savings advice.** MidAmerican does not sell equipment and appliances. Our highly trained energy auditors are independent of equipment suppliers and

manufacturers, and recommendations are not brand-specific.

- **Immediate cost savings.** During the energy audit, participants will get immediate benefits from our energy auditor's installation of several energy efficiency measures, including as appropriate:

- Water pipe insulation,
- Faucet aerators,
- Compact fluorescent lamps,
- LED exit sign retrofits,
- Occupancy sensor,
- Refrigerated vending machine controller and
- Pre-rinse sprayer.

Customers have the option to allow installation of these energy-saving measures. MidAmerican does not charge for the measures. Additional low-cost measures may be offered for installation during audits as a further demonstration of proven technologies that help save energy and reduce energy costs.

- **Long-term savings and increased property value.** The BusinessCheck program provides the small business building owner and/or tenant with valuable information on reducing energy costs for years to come and on preserving, even increasing, the value of their business property through improved building systems and new technologies. Energy-efficient improvements such as heating and cooling equipment, energy management systems, windows and motors may be eligible to receive rebate incentives to help offset a portion of the installation costs. Older buildings often need upgraded lighting and/or insulation. MidAmerican offers special rebate incentives that may help reduce as much as 70 percent of the project costs of installing the recommended levels of insulation and/or higher efficiency fluorescent lighting associated with energy supplied by MidAmerican. The project costs for fluorescent lighting are limited to replacement of existing T-12 fluorescent lamps and electronic ballasts with T-8 or T-5 fluorescent

lamps and electronic ballasts only; costs of replacement and/or relocation of fixtures are not eligible for rebates. Insulation project costs include the cost of insulation materials and installation of the product. The costs of new roofing or building materials are not eligible for a rebate. Insulation rebates may not exceed \$0.50 per square foot for batts and blown-in loose-fill insulation products or \$2.00 per square foot for spray-on insulation products.

HOW CAN I GET A MONEY-SAVING BUSINESSCHECK ENERGY AUDIT?

Just give us a call at **800-894-9599** for program details and to schedule your BusinessCheck energy audit. Or, visit MidAmerican's Web site at www.midamericanenergy.com/illinois_business and click on BusinessCheck. It's that simple!

BUSINESSCHECK® ONLINE

You also can conduct your own online analysis by going to www.midamericanenergy.com/busaudit.





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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Rebates are available for qualifying equipment purchased and installed in commercial, industrial and other nonresidential facilities where MidAmerican delivers electricity and/or natural gas in its **Illinois** service territory.
- Equipment rebates exceeding \$10,000 and custom rebates require pre-approval by MidAmerican. Projects must be completed within six months of pre-approval. Extensions are available upon request.
- All project installations with rebates exceeding \$20,000 require on-site verification of installation by MidAmerican or its agent prior to issuance of rebate check. MidAmerican reserves the right to verify project installations where rebates are less than \$20,000.
- MidAmerican reserves the right to install a metering device on new equipment, and to verify sales receipts and cancelled checks as well as on-site verification of equipment installation during the customer's normal business hours, before or after issuing a rebate.
- Rebate is not payable until equipment is installed, operating and approved by MidAmerican.
- Rebates for installation projects are based on rebate schedules in effect on the installation date.
- Rebate check will be issued to the building owner or account holder when equipment is installed in an existing building. The check will be issued to the builder/general contractor or building owner when equipment is installed in a new building.
- Rebates may be subject to income tax. Please consult your tax advisor for more information.
- MidAmerican reserves the right to change or cancel this program at any time.

DISCLAIMER: MidAmerican does not guarantee that installation and operation of energy-efficient equipment will result in reduced usage or in cost savings. The manner in which a customer uses and maintains energy-efficient equipment affects potential cost savings. MidAmerican makes no warranties, expressed or implied, with respect to any equipment purchased or installed, including, but not limited to, any warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose. In no event shall MidAmerican be held liable for any incidental or consequential damages or injuries resulting from defective equipment or installation. MidAmerican reserves the right to cancel or change these programs at any time.

ENERGY POLICY ACT 2005 – TAX CREDITS

Consult your tax advisor for any applicable federal tax credit incentives available for installation of energy-efficient equipment.