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Sustainable Communities Program Design Team Incentives

The Sustainable Communities program is designed to encourage sustainable development, promote green building design practices, and create a variety of demonstration sites that will serve as models for other projects in SDG&E's service area. This regional program provides incentives for qualified projects that greatly exceed the California Energy Efficiency Standards, obtain Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED™) certification, or equivalent, and evaluate on-site renewable energy systems.



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Design Team Participation

A committed design team (architects, engineers, consultants, and others involved with the performance of the design) is a key component to a successful sustainable building project. Incentives are available to encourage design teams to incorporate the high energy-efficiency standards required by the program.

The following incentives are available for nonresidential projects.

Incentive structure:

- \$0.050 – \$0.083 per annualized kWh saved
- \$0.187 – \$0.333 per annualized therm saved

An accelerated payment schedule of 50% of the Design Team incentive is available upon completion of the design to projects that exceed the 2005 California Energy Efficiency Standards by 20% and register for LEED™ or equivalent.

(\$50,000 maximum per project)

Project Eligibility

Any nonresidential new construction or major renovation building project that meets the following criteria in the schematic or design development phase: (1) is located within the service territory of SDG&E; (2) exceeds the 2005 California Energy Efficiency Standards **by a minimum of 20%** on a whole-building performance basis; (3) obtains LEED™ certification (or equivalent), and; (4) evaluates installation of on-site renewable energy.

Note: Projects receiving funds from the California statewide Savings By Design program or duplicative energy-efficiency incentives from any other ratepayer funded sources are not eligible.

Participation Procedures

To participate in the Sustainable Communities program, perform the following:

- Review the program Eligibility and Conditions to determine if your project can qualify.
- Contact a program representative to determine if your project is a good candidate and if program funds are available.
- Assist the project's owner in applying for an Owner Incentive and complete a "Design Team Application" obtained from the program representative.
- Work with a project manager from SDG&E to determine the best strategy to achieve energy performance requirements, obtain LEED™ certification, and review renewable generation options for the project.
- Submit all required documentation to verify the performance of the proposed design including: a whole building analysis summary report, selected building plans, specifications, Title-24 documents, and all project analysis data.

- Sign a "Design Team Agreement" to reserve funds for the project prior to construction.
- Contact the SDG&E project manager when the project is completed.
- Receive an incentive check upon successful completion and on-site verification.

Conditions

- A green building charrette must be conducted early in the project's design phase and the project must be registered for LEED™ certification or equivalent
- Construction must be complete and all required documentation submitted to SDG&E in accordance with Program guidelines.
- SDG&E must be allowed to create a case study on the project.

For more information, contact a SDG&E representative at: **1-800-411-SDGE (7343)** or visit our Web site at www.sdge.com



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