

# AMEREN ILLINOIS INCENTIVES FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROJECTS



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# What's New For Businesses In 2026

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# Incentives Program Overview

- **Program goals:**

- Provide financial incentives to lower the cost of energy-saving equipment upgrades
- Save Ameren Illinois customers money on future utility bills

- **Financial incentives can help:**

- Cut project costs
- Decrease payback periods
- Move energy efficiency projects forward!

The Ameren Illinois Energy Efficiency Program has helped Illinois businesses save over **\$1.5 billion** in energy costs since 2008.

Business customers have received an average of **\$36.7 million** in annual incentives over the past five years.

# Business Incentive Eligible Project Types



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- **Standard:** Lighting/Controls, HVAC/Controls, Steam Traps, VFDs, Compressed Air, Weatherization and Specialty Equipment
- **Custom:** Eligible projects and measures not covered by other program incentive categories
- **Specialized:** New Construction, Feasibility Studies, Metering and Monitoring, Retro-Commissioning and Campus Participation
- **Small Business Direct Install (SBDI):** Lighting and Weatherization
- **Instant Incentives/Midstream:** Lighting and Food Service Equipment
- **Online Store:** Lighting, Occupancy Sensors and Thermostats

# Application Requirements



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- **Projects Requiring Application and Pre-Approval**
  - All Custom projects
  - All Specialized projects
  - All Standard projects having incentive payouts over \$15,000
- **Projects Requiring Application Without Pre-Approval**
  - All Standard projects having incentive payouts under \$15,000
- **Projects Not Requiring Any Application**
  - SBDI
  - Instant Incentives/Midstream
  - Online Store

# Application Process Forms/ Supporting Documentation



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- **Forms**

- [AmerenIllinoisSavings.com/Forms](https://AmerenIllinoisSavings.com/Forms)
- Project application form (unique to each project type)
- Incentive Payment Request Form at project completion
- Large Incentive Request Form (projects with incentives over \$50,000)
- Payment Release Authorization (for third party incentive assignment)

- **Supporting Documents**

- Equipment cut sheets
- Customer W-9
- Energy savings calculations on non-Standard projects (as required)
- Corporate Commitment Letter (projects with incentives over \$100,000, plus proof of PO issued within 60 days)

# PY26 Incentive Rate Changes



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Measures not listed maintained the PY25 incentive level

MEASURE	PY2025 INCENTIVE	PY2026 INCENTIVE
Chillers	Air-cooled: \$3,000/unit Water-cooled: N/A	Air-cooled: \$12/ton per EER improvement Water-cooled: \$100/ton per kW/ton improvement
Infrared Heaters	N/A	\$1.25/kBtu/hr
LED Grow Lights - Greenhouses	Not split out in LED grow light measures in PY25	\$0.02-\$0.13/PPF installed
LED Exterior Fixtures – Dark Sky (meets DLC Luna requirements)	\$0.50/watt reduced	\$0.55/watt reduced
Zero Energy Doors for Refrigeration Cases	N/A	\$200/door
Steam Leak Repairs	Space Heating: N/A Process Heating: N/A	Space Heating: \$75 Process Heating: \$100-\$200
Turbulators	N/A	\$0.30/Btu
Low Pressure Sprinkler Nozzles	N/A	\$0.50
PTAC/PTHP New Installations	Midstream HVAC	\$35/unit
PTAC/PTHP Early Replacements	Midstream HVAC	\$40/unit
Air Source Heat Pumps 0-135 kBtuh	Midstream HVAC	\$350
Notched V-Belts – A-Section	Midstream HVAC	\$10
Notched V-Belts – B-Section	Midstream HVAC	\$15
Heat Pump Water Heaters	Midstream HVAC	\$750
Smart Thermostats	Midstream HVAC	\$175

**Some Lighting Incentive offerings will change in the 2027 Business Program.**

# Additional Compressed Air Incentive Offerings



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## Leak Survey and Repair offering resumed for PY26

- Survey must be conducted by an outside contractor for the project to be eligible for incentives.
- Maximum incentive paid for survey and repair is \$20,000.
- Application found under Specialty Equipment category in Business Forms Library.

## New Compressed Air Retro-Commissioning offering in PY26

- Manufacturing/industrial customers with two or more compressors and no tune-ups or major upgrades in prior two years.
- Survey Incentive is 80% of survey cost, with \$0.02/kWh Performance Incentive for 0-2 year payback implemented/verified RCx measures.
- Application found under Retro-Commissioning category in Business Forms Library.

# Required Paperwork



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**For paperwork requiring wet signatures, DocuSign-type signatures will be accepted – ID, date and timestamp certificates are required.**

**For questions regarding paperwork, work with your Energy Advisor.**

## Required:

- Signed and Completed Application
- Including Utility Account and Estimated Date of Completion
- Signed and Completed Customer W-9 form\*

## For Larger Custom or Retro Commissioning Projects:

- LIRF\* - Large Incentive Request Form (\$50k+) Purchase Orders/Scope of Work
- Project Calculations
- Corporate Commitment Letter (\$100k+) and Purchase Order Verification

## As Needed:

- Spec Sheets

## Required:

- Signed and Completed Incentive Payment Request (IPR) Form
- Invoice(s) illustrating Labor and Materials
- Signed and Completed Customer W-9 form\* (if not already submitted with application)

**Note: W-9 no longer required for ALL Public Sector and SOME Non-Profit customers.**

**Payment Release Authorization now in IPR Form.**

# Instant Incentives Lighting



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MEASURE	2026 INCENTIVE
LED Linear T8 8 ft.	\$11/tube
LED Linear T8 4 ft. and U-bend	\$7/tube
LED Linear T8 3 ft.	\$5/tube
LED Linear T8 2 ft.	\$3/tube
LED Linear T5 HO 4 ft.	\$12/tube
LED Linear T5 4 ft.	\$10/tube
LED Mogul (E39) ≤ 5k lm	\$30/lamp
LED Mogul (E39) 5,001-10k lm	\$35/lamp
LED Mogul (E39) 10,001-15k lm	\$70/lamp
LED Mogul (E39) 15,001-30k lm	\$90/lamp
LED Mogul (E39) 30,001-40k lm	\$130/lamp
LED Mogul (E39) > 40k lm	\$200/lamp
LED 4-Pin Base	\$3/lamp
Exit Signs	\$12/fixture
Wall Packs, 0-5k lumens	\$100/fixture
Wall Packs, 5-30k lumens	\$150/fixture
Wall Packs, >30k lumens	\$200/fixture

- PY26 incentive increases in **green**
- Py26 incentive decreases in **red**
- [AmerenIllinoisSavings.com/Instant](https://AmerenIllinoisSavings.com/Instant) for additional information.
- Some product types will no longer be available for discounted purchase effective January 1, 2027.

# Instant Incentives Non-Lighting Changes in PY26



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HVAC Moved to Standard in PY26.

Go to [AmerenIllinoisSavings.com/Forms](https://AmerenIllinoisSavings.com/Forms) to download application forms.

Ducted Air Source  
Heat Pump (less  
than 65 kBtu)

Ducted Air Source  
Heat Pump (65 -  
134.9 kBtu)

Ductless Mini-Split  
Heat Pump

Heat Pump Water  
Heater

Smart Thermostat

AX/ BX Notched V-  
Belts

PTAC Units

PTHP Units

# Early Completion Bonus



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For more information, visit [AmerenIllinoisSavings.com/Bonus](https://AmerenIllinoisSavings.com/Bonus).

- Bonus incentive dollars for completing projects early!
- Available for Standard or Custom Electric and Gas projects\*
- No additional paperwork — bonus is automatically added
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Bonus 15%**
  - **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Bonus 10%**
  - **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Bonus 5%**
- Bonus paid only if project completes in the calendar year stated on the original application form.

A promotional graphic for the Early Completion Bonus. It features the Ameren ILLINOIS and Energy Efficiency PROGRAM logos at the top. The main text reads "Early Completion Bonus For 10% Bonus Amount: Complete by June 30, 2026". The graphic includes a green alarm clock, a calendar page for June 30, and a blue ribbon with the URL "AmerenIllinoisSavings.com/Bonus".

\*Not applicable to Online Store, Instant Incentives/Midstream Offerings, Small Business Direct Install Projects, Staffing Grant, Strategic Energy Management (SEM), Metering and Monitoring, Feasibility Study, or Building Energy Assessment (BEA).

# Made In Illinois Bonus



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For more information, visit [AmerenIllinoisSavings.com/Bonus](https://AmerenIllinoisSavings.com/Bonus).

- 5% enhancement of Early Completion Bonus for using Illinois-produced equipment, added to an eligible project's ECB percentage.
- Equipment must be at least 50% manufactured and/or assembled in Illinois.
  - Exclusive of packaging and installation
  - Product installation is not considered "assembly"
  - Must provide documentation to confirm eligibility
- **Projects must be completed before September 30, 2026.**
- For a list of qualifying equipment and distributors, visit [AmerenIllinoisSavings.com/MIL-Distributors](https://AmerenIllinoisSavings.com/MIL-Distributors).



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# Annual Business Symposium and Bonus

October 2026



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- Bonus incentives for every Symposium attendee.
- New Standard or Custom Gas and Electric projects\* are eligible for a 15% bonus; one project per bonus coupon; Symposium bonus cannot “stack” on any other bonus(es).
- Coupon must be attached to project application.
- Project application must be submitted on or before April 30 of the following year, with project completion by November 30.



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# Energy Advisors



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- For Large and Small Business accounts
- Free site walk-throughs and project consultations
- Assistance with application process and identifying energy efficiency needs

**Request a FREE Energy Consultation:**

**1.866.800.0747**

**[IllinoisBusinessEE@ameren.com](mailto:IllinoisBusinessEE@ameren.com)**

**Find an Energy Advisor:**

Large Business:

**[AmerenIllinoisSavings.com/EA](http://AmerenIllinoisSavings.com/EA)**

Small Business:

**[AmerenIllinoisSavings.com/SBEA](http://AmerenIllinoisSavings.com/SBEA)**



- **Contractors who have registered and received training from Ameren Illinois**
  - Familiar with application forms and processes
  - Help customers complete energy efficiency projects
  - Neither Ameren Illinois nor Leidos have any vested interest in any Program Ally.
  - Except for SBDI projects, there is no requirement that customers use a Program Ally.
- **Look for a Program Ally on the website:**
  - [AmerenIllinoisSavings.com/business/business-contractors](https://AmerenIllinoisSavings.com/business/business-contractors)
  - Allies can be searched by “Specialties,” “Areas Served” and/or “Customer Type.”
  - The search will provide a full list of Program Allies with contact information.

# Certified Installers



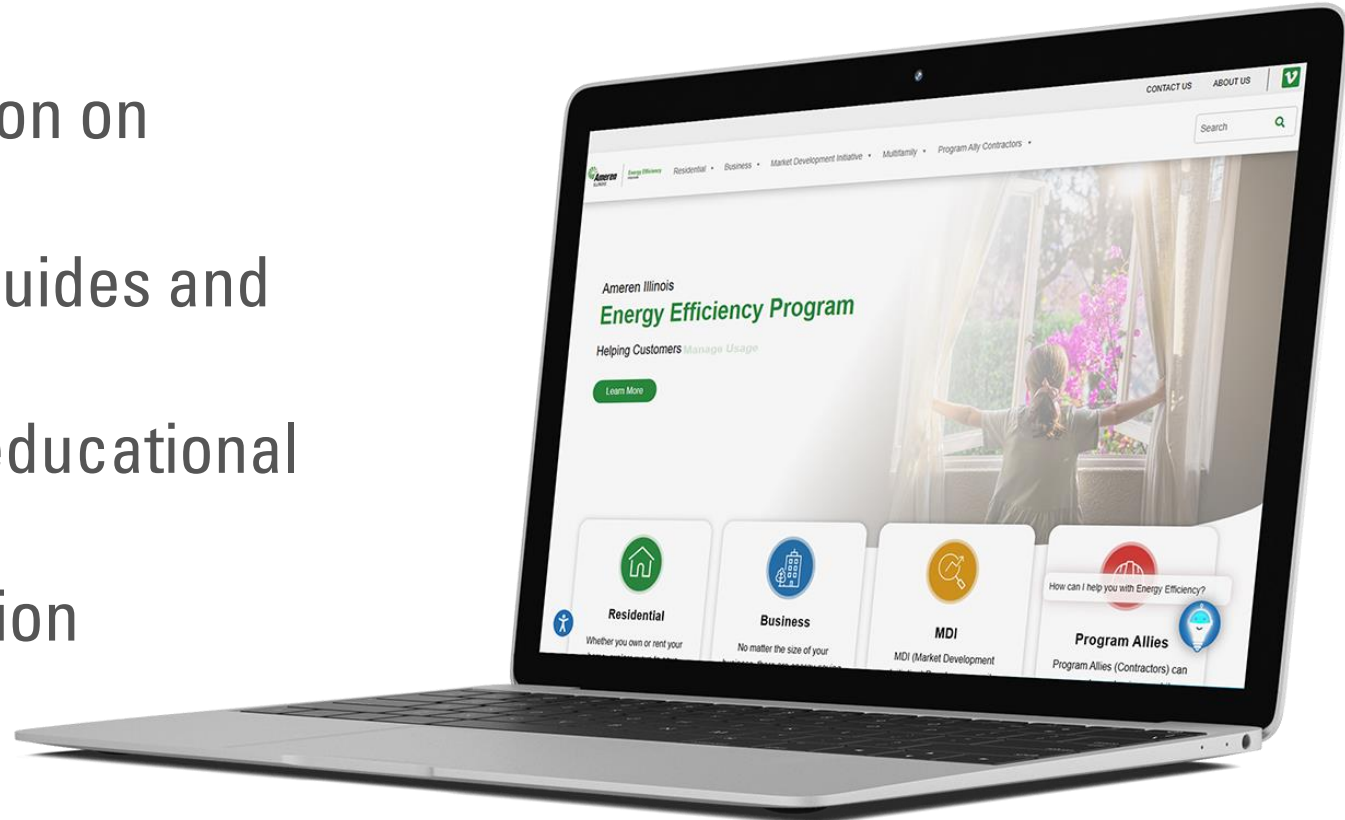
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**Current legislation requires that all Electric projects must have affected equipment be installed by the customer/user or by an Illinois Commerce Commission-Certified Installer.**



- Failure to conform means forfeiture of any incentives to customer.
- Non-certified contractors can work on projects if they are undergoing the process of becoming certified; incentive payment is withheld on completed projects until contractor receives certification.
- A contractor registered as a Program Ally in the Incentives Program is **not** automatically also an ICC-Certified Installer; these are two different designations.
- The Incentives Program can help contractors submit their paperwork to become certified.
- To find an ICC-Certified Installer, a link to the ICC website is on Page 1 of every project application form.

- Most up-to-date information on incentives
- Applications, application guides and other necessary forms
- Videos, case studies and educational content
- Program contact information



# Building Operator Certification Training



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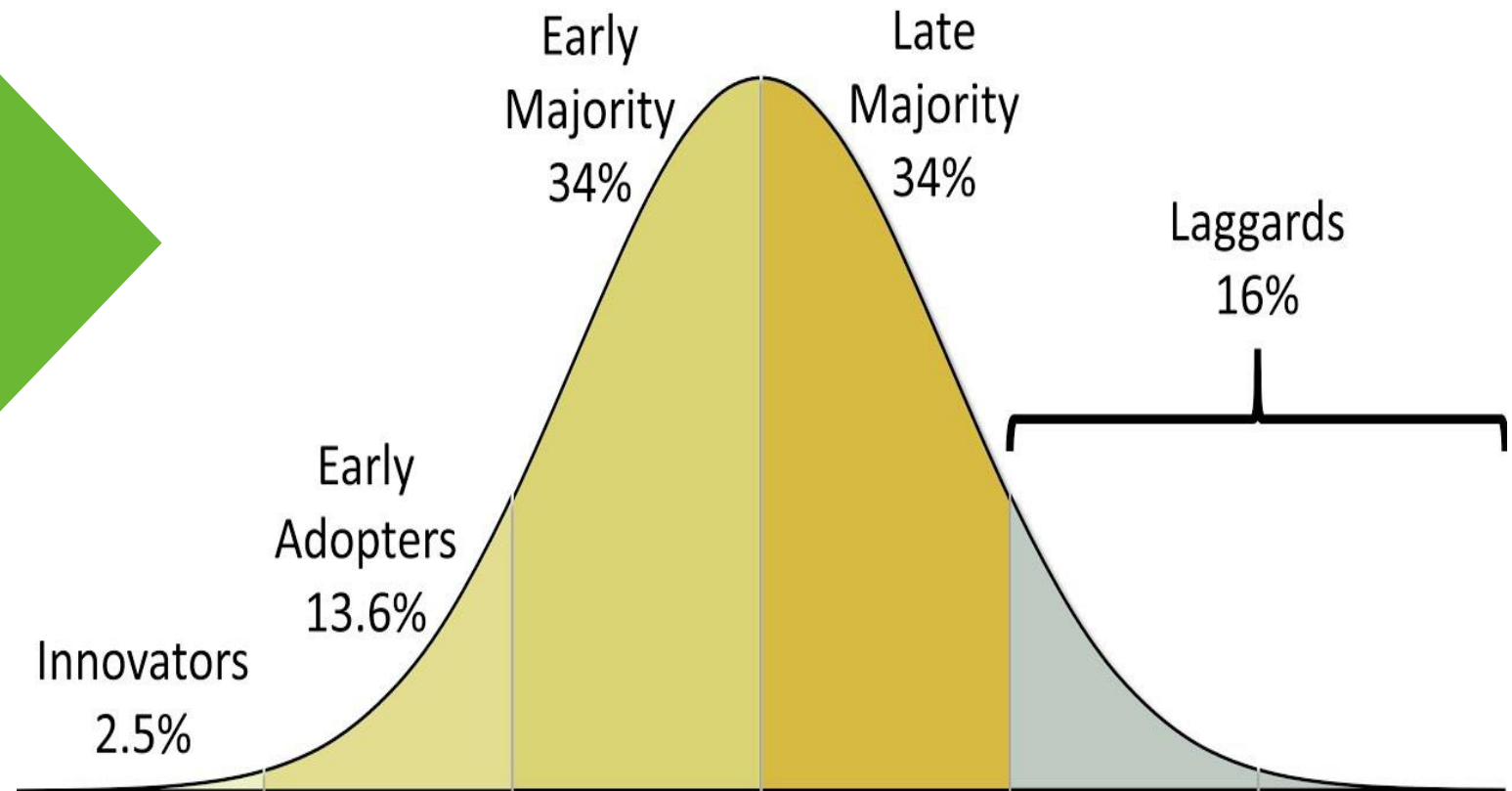
## Training offered in conjunction with Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA)

- Focuses on energy-efficient building operations and preventative maintenance procedures.
- Ideal candidates include facility managers, building engineers, HVAC technicians, and building operators of facilities at least 50,000 square feet.
- Ameren Illinois customers receive discounted tuition rate and may be fully reimbursed upon successful course completion.
- Course completion requirements include homework and testing
- Online classes scheduled June 2 – September 2.
- Additional in-person and online classes to be scheduled later 2026 (see link below).
- Level II training and certification will be available to successful Level I graduates.
- Visit [boccentral.org/training/illinois](https://www.boccentral.org/training/illinois) for more information.



## Adoption Curve

Where are you when it comes to adopting new energy efficiency technologies?





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# QUESTIONS?

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