



## ***Learn about our 2023 Electric Business New Construction Program Energy Design Assistance for Indiana business customers.***

***Reduce energy use and operating costs on new construction with CenterPoint Energy's Energy Design Assistance Program!***



### ***About the program***

The CenterPoint Energy New Construction Program provides Energy Design Assistance (EDA) services and financial incentives that support energy efficient design work on eligible new construction or major renovation projects.

### ***Eligibility***

Indiana customers that currently receive or intend to receive CenterPoint Energy electric service and have not opted out of participating in CenterPoint Energy's energy efficiency programs are eligible for electric rebate incentives and EDA services. Customers with a natural gas service rate of 120 or 125 are also eligible for gas rebate incentives.

### ***The EDA design team***

The EDA design team identifies energy efficient opportunities during the conceptual design phase of a construction project. The team includes the property owner, architect, lighting and HVAC engineers, general contractor and others. CenterPoint Energy provides the team with an energy advisor who helps identify potential savings to maximize incentives. Participating customers may be eligible for three types of incentives: EDA, Prescriptive and Custom.

### ***EDA incentives – standard and enhanced***

The Standard EDA incentive can help offset some of the expenses for the design team's participation in the EDA process. This incentive is a fixed amount based on the new, conditioned square footage and is paid to the designated design team lead provided that the proposed energy efficiency projects associated with the construction documents exceed a minimum energy savings threshold. The Enhanced EDA incentive is for projects beginning the design phase that are over 100,000 square feet. This path also provides the customer with a complete, no-cost building energy model.

### ***For more information***

For full eligibility requirements and rebate forms, visit

**[Midwest.CenterPointEnergy.com/savings/in-business/rebates/gas](https://Midwest.CenterPointEnergy.com/savings/in-business/rebates/gas).**

If you have questions about the program or need assistance with the application, contact us directly via email at **[IndianaBizPrograms@CenterPointEnergy.com](mailto:IndianaBizPrograms@CenterPointEnergy.com)** or call 866-240-8476.

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# How the EDA process works

## 1. Submit EDA application, available design documents and specifications

- Apply soon after an architect is hired – ideally during the conceptual design phase. An application is required before construction drawings have been issued in order to incorporate energy efficiency opportunities into the construction drawings.

## 2. Kick-off meeting

- The design team creates a list of energy efficiency opportunities to pursue. During the EDA kick-off meeting, the program energy advisor, design team and owner discuss project details.

## 3. Energy analysis

- The energy advisor provides a report detailing opportunities, estimated savings, costs, payback and incentives. The design team is responsible for providing cost estimates for each opportunity.

## 4. Project selection

- Submit to CenterPoint Energy for review: construction drawings, pre-approval application and ComChecks. The design team and owner select the opportunities to integrate into the final design.

## 5. Pre-approval

- Program staff issue pre-approval for planned projects. The energy advisor reviews construction drawings.

## 6. EDA incentive

- CenterPoint Energy pays the EDA incentive. Construction drawings must reflect energy-saving improvements to be eligible for the incentive.

## 7. Construction

- Owner purchases and installs pre-approved opportunities. Construction begins.

## 8. Project completion

- Owner submits the project installation notice (PIN), proof of project completion and copies of invoices. Pre-approved opportunities are installed.

## 9. Custom and Prescriptive Incentives

- CenterPoint Energy pays any additional incentives. The energy advisor reviews submitted documentation and conducts an on-site verification as necessary.

## Prescriptive incentives

Eligible projects can receive CenterPoint Energy Prescriptive Program incentives. All eligible measures identified by the EDA Program are automatically pre-approved for incentives. See the Prescriptive Program application for details.

## Custom incentives

Qualifying energy efficiency upgrades not covered under the Prescriptive Program may be eligible for Custom Program incentives. All eligible measures identified by the EDA Program are automatically pre-approved for incentives. See the Custom Program application for details.

## Energy-saving project snapshot

### Uniseal, Inc.

Uniseal, Inc. became the first industrial customer to reduce energy costs with the aid of CenterPoint Energy's EDA. Seven energy savings opportunities were discovered through reviews of the facility plans, drawings and several meetings with the design team. To date, Uniseal has decided to move forward with two projects.

#### Energy Design Assistance:

- CenterPoint Energy incentive: \$3,750

#### Complete lighting upgrade to LED:

- Energy savings: 454,844 kWh
- CenterPoint Energy prescriptive incentive: \$32,739
- Avoided utility costs: \$53,866
- Project payback after incentive: 3.1 years

#### Make-up air unit:

- Energy savings: 141,333 kWh and 26,674 therms
- CenterPoint Energy custom incentive: \$16,103
- Avoided utility costs: \$26,986