

Energy Solutions for Governments and Schools



is an ENERGY STAR® Service and Product Provider Partner. We Can Help.

Government agencies, school districts, and colleges and universities all play a vital role in our daily lives. However, it takes careful administration of facilities and sound management of finances to ensure the resources necessary to deliver outstanding public services and high-quality education that constituents expect.

As an ENERGY STAR Service and Product Provider partner, we make it easy for you to care for your constituents, your facilities, and your finances. Through energy efficiency, your organization can save money, further enhance productivity and learning, and help prevent greenhouse gas emissions.

ENERGY STAR is more than a certification awarded for energy efficiency. It is a partnership among government, businesses, and consumers, united in pursuit of a common goal—to protect our environment for future generations. ENERGY STAR is recognized by more than 85 percent of the American public. Look to our ENERGY STAR expertise to help your organization:

- > Enhance staff productivity and students' learning environment.
- > Reduce energy costs and operating expenses.
- > Lead by example and reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change.

Rising Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Over the next 15 years, greenhouse gas emissions attributed to buildings are projected to grow faster than any other sector, with emissions from commercial buildings leading the way—a projected 1.8 percent per year through 2030.

The Benefits of Energy Efficiency

Government agencies and school districts spend more than \$16 billion on energy annually to provide services and meet constituent needs. Energy improvements can help reduce spending on utility bills by as much as 20 percent.

Further, studies have found that a better physical environment that includes superior energy performance contributes to increased productivity and learning.

Leading by example, local governments can educate their constituents about the benefits of energy efficiency, while leveraging relationships with private sector organizations to motivate widespread improvements. Likewise, energy efficiency can serve as a valuable learning tool for students in terms of science, math, the environment, and social and fiscal responsibility.

In Focus

The nation's 13,800 school districts spend more than \$8 billion annually on energy. This is more than is spent on computers and textbooks combined.

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Turn to an ENERGY STAR Service and Product Provider Partner

As an ENERGY STAR Service and Product Provider Partner, we have the experience and access to the tools needed to implement energy-efficient strategies that are right for you. We adhere to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Guidelines for Energy Management, a proven strategy based on ENERGY STAR Partners' successes, which will allow your organization to gain control of energy expenses and demonstrate environmental leadership. We will help you assess your energy performance and recommend low-cost upgrades, cost-effective investments, and longer-term strategies that make the most sense for you.

Let Us Work With You To:

- > **Assess the Energy Performance of Your Facilities.** Using EPA's ENERGY STAR energy performance scale, we will identify improvement opportunities by evaluating the efficiency of your facility relative to similar buildings nationwide.
- > **Set Energy Performance Goals.** We use EPA's Commercial Building Design Guidance to help you set meaningful goals and develop energy efficiency plans for new and existing facilities.
- > **Create and Implement an Action Plan.** We use the guidance provided in the ENERGY STAR Building Upgrade Manual to justify projects in powerful financial terms, prioritize opportunities, and establish plans for reaching targets.
- > **Calculate Financial Value.** To help you quantify and communicate the value of improved energy efficiency, we will help you utilize EPA's Cash Flow Opportunity Calculator to calculate the cost of delaying energy-efficiency improvements and waiting for better interest rates.
- > **Evaluate Your Progress.** Once a project is underway, we will work with you to track energy use and financial savings, and compare improved energy performance against your goals through the ENERGY STAR energy performance scale.

Making a Difference

Following EPA's Guidelines for Energy Management, Davenport Community School District in Iowa has been able to reduce energy costs per student to \$88.46 per school year, compared to the national average of \$181.53.

We Can Also Help You:

- > **Become an ENERGY STAR Partner.** Make a commitment to energy excellence by becoming an ENERGY STAR Partner.
- > **Get Recognition for Your Achievements.** Buildings that score in the top 25 percent of facilities in the nation for energy performance can qualify for the prestigious ENERGY STAR certification. ENERGY STAR Partners also receive benefits from joining the program. Once you are a partner, we assist you in documenting and communicating project success. Partners can gain recognition through leadership awards, publicized case studies, and more.
- > **Fight Global Climate Change.** By reducing your energy use through energy performance upgrades, you will also minimize your greenhouse gas emissions, which contribute to climate change.

To Begin Taking Advantage of the Benefits of Improved Energy Performance, Contact:

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