



Commercial Rebates

HID TO FLUORESCENT LIGHTING RETROFITS

Why Participate in the Program?

The HID to Fluorescent Lighting offer is designed to help reduce electric energy demand in participating facilities by offering rebates for the replacement of interior High Intensity Discharge (HID) lighting with fluorescent alternatives. Rebates are available to help offset part of the cost of converting an HID lighting system to a lower wattage fluorescent lighting system. Austin Energy, as a business resource and energy management partner, can offer unbiased expertise to help you decide how to make the most effective use of your electricity dollars. By investing in more efficient high-bay or fluorescent fixture lighting systems, the City of Austin reduces the need to generate additional power, lowers long-term investment costs for new electric generation capacity and enhances the environment.

Major Lighting System Improvements

- Austin Energy encourages the replacement of HID lighting equipment, the vast majority of which are metal halide fixtures. These units require a 'warm-up' period, during which the lamps reach full light output. The color rendition is inferior to that of fluorescent fixtures and the light generated by HID type lamps is best described as harsh and 'industrial' in nature.
- All HID to fluorescent retrofits are covered by this lighting category; including high-bay fixture replacements and other 'low-bay' conversions utilizing fluorescent lamps, ballasts and their fixtures. All retrofits or conversions must utilize **UL listed fixtures** and no fixture modifications will be approved or funded that violate or void the UL listing of either the new or existing fixtures.

Rebates

- Rebates of \$300 per peak kW reduced are offered for lighting replacements and an additional rebate will be offered for the portion of the new system that is controlled by occupancy sensors or automatic day lighting controls up to the maximum rebate of \$200,000 per site, per year. Rebates may not exceed 50% of the installed cost. Parking garage conversions are eligible for rebate funding, if the lighting is in use during daytime hours as required due to low ambient light levels.

General Qualifications and Guidelines

- Interior HID lighting systems must operate at least 10 hours per day and during the 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. period weekdays and meet other minimum requirements.
- New construction projects are eligible if HID is the engineer's recommended lighting system, however the baseline wattage will be defined as the allowable wattage that exceeds the IECC 2006 Energy Code. New construction is defined as new buildings, tenant finish-outs, additions, or any renovations that require compliance to the 2006 Energy Code.
- Rebate funding is limited, may be subject to City Council approval and is offered on a first-come first serve basis.
- All work must be performed in accordance with all applicable federal, state, local, and manufacturer's codes and standards.



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HOW TO PARTICIPATE

STEP 1 PARTICIPATION REQUEST

- Complete and submit a *Participation Request* form. The form can be mailed to 811 Barton Springs Rd. (3rd floor), Austin, Texas 78704, by FAX at 505-4026 or by calling 482-5346.
- An Austin Energy Representative will contact you to schedule an initial assessment of your facility. All HID to fluorescent conversions require an on-site pre-inspection; this site visit must be conducted prior to the removal of any existing lighting equipment.

STEP 2 REBATE APPLICATION

- After you have selected your lighting contractor, you must submit a *Rebate Application* and attach all manufacturer specification sheets with the lighting application. The documentation must include all input wattages and all applicable warranty statements.
- Austin Energy will process your rebate payment based on the installed equipment as documented on your *Rebate Application*.

STEP 3 REBATE PAYMENTS

- After the installation is completed, contact your Austin Energy Representative to schedule an inspection to verify your installation. All installed measures must pass final inspection in order to be eligible for rebate funding.
- All rebates are made payable to the commercial end-user as specified by the program participant.
- The maximum rebate per customer is \$200,000 per fiscal year (October - September) for each customer facility site. The rebate payment for each energy project cannot exceed 50% of the total job cost, including equipment, installation and tax. The maximum limit of \$200,000 will be based on the sum of all Austin Energy's Power Saver™ Program applicable to the facility. (These include Commercial Rebates and Thermal Energy Storage).
- Your rebate check will arrive 4 to 6 weeks from the date all the required documentation is received and the project has passed the final inspection.

Austin Energy guidelines and rebate levels are subject to change at any time, without notice.

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