

## CI&A Programs Overview

There are many ways to save on your energy costs with our wide selection of programs, efficiency rebates and incentives. Contact Stearns Electric Association's Energy Services Department for guidance, tools and expertise to assist you in making informed energy decisions that will improve your bottom line.

**Efficiency** – With a variety of rebates available, Stearns Electric can help identify cost-effective efficiency upgrades that save energy and money, and increase profitability.

**Electric Transportation** – Electricity is a domestically produced transportation fuel that is transforming our nation's transportation sector. Today, the technology and infrastructure exist to promote transportation applications that move both people and goods using electricity as a fuel.

**Renewable Energy** – While the electricity delivered to your business includes increasing amounts of renewable energy, Stearns Electric offers additional programs to support wind and solar energy. Ask about Wellspring Renewable for Business.

**Load Management** – Taking advantage of Stearns Electric's reduced electric rates is one of the easiest ways for businesses to reduce energy costs while participating in a program that helps keep rates low for all members.

**Services and Resources** – In addition to the energy-saving programs and rebates, Stearns Electric offers on-going services and resources. Contact our Energy Services Department to learn more about services and resources available for your business.

### EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS:

**Agriculture** – Prescriptive and custom rebates are available to members for the installation of energy efficient agricultural equipment. Rebates include, but are not limited to, ventilation, LED lighting, agricultural audit and robotic milking systems. The residence on the farm site is not eligible, however, all business use applications are eligible.



**Let us be your go-to energy experts – We can help you grow savings!**



**Audits, Building Studies and Commissioning** – Rebates, resources and assistance are available to help you identify energy saving opportunities in new and existing facilities. Assistance includes, but is not limited to, energy audits, energy design assistance, building certifications and in-depth commissioning of equipment.

**Commercial Food Service** – ENERGY STAR® commercial kitchen food service equipment is the most efficient option. Nearly all commercial kitchen equipment is available as gas or electric. Electric equipment often provides a competitive advantage over gas by improving the cooking process, increasing production and food quality, improving indoor air quality and reducing kitchen safety hazards.

**Compressed Air** – Compressed air can be a significant energy user in a facility affecting operating costs, productivity, and profitability. These compressed air rebates can help identify and implement energy efficiency measures to reduce operating costs, improve productivity, enhance system efficiency, and increase profitability.

**Custom Energy Rebates** – Stearns Electric offers custom rebates to CI&A members who purchase and install energy-efficient products which exceed conventional models.

**Electric Transportation** – The electric forklift and EV charger programs provide rebates to commercial members for EV chargers, electric forklifts and high frequency battery chargers.

**Motors and Drives** – Increase the efficiency of your electrical motors and save. Stearns Electric offers rebates to commercial members who install VFDs, VSDs or retrofit existing small motors with high-efficiency electronically commutated motors (ECMS).

**Lighting** – Lighting often accounts for between 25-40% of your energy bill. Rebates are available for LED lighting retrofit projects and new construction.

## **RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS:**

The Wellspring program provides businesses with an easy, affordable and meaningful way to support renewable energy efforts.

## **LOAD MANAGEMENT:**

**Interruptible Programs** – If you curtail energy use or add a generator, you can benefit from reduced electrical rates year-round. Contact Stearns Electric's Energy Services Department to learn more.

**Off-Peak Programs** – help your business save money in two ways; first, participating members receive an incentive such as a lower electricity rate or bill credit, second, these programs help control wholesale power costs.

## **FINANCING:**

Stearns Electric is committed to helping businesses expand and grow. From providing loans, to helping plan and manage your energy needs, we have the experience to bring together all the resources needed to assist you and your business.

## **CONTACT US:**

If you have any questions or need assistance in making these savings a reality for your business; please contact Stearns Electric at (800) 962-0655.

