



PACE

Energy Audit Assistance

OFFICIAL APPLICATION



Instructions

To apply for Assistance, complete page 3.

Submitting Application

Submit the application by one of the following methods:

- email as a Word or PDF document to robin@swrdc.org,
- fax to 507-836-8866 or
- mail to Robin Weis, SRDC, 2401 Broadway Avenue, Slayton, MN 56172.

Applications for Assistance will be accepted and reviewed on an ongoing basis until April 4, 2019 or until all funds are expended, whichever comes first.

You will receive a confirmation email to confirm receipt of your application.

Eligible Applicants: Small businesses and/or agricultural producers located in one of the following 18 counties: Blue Earth, Brown, Cottonwood, Faribault, Freeborn, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Martin, Mower, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Sibley and Watonwan

Amount of Assistance: Energy audit assistance is 75% of the total energy audit cost, up to \$750. Small businesses and/or agricultural producers are encouraged to apply for other energy audit cost reductions from natural gas providers, electric providers and/or apply for grants to reduce costs further.

Energy Audits

Energy audits must be performed by one of the following:

- Certified Energy Manager
- Certified Energy Auditor
- 4 year Engineering or Architecture degree OR Professional Engineer or Registered Architect both of which also have 3+ years of experience in energy engineering or energy management- PLEASE CALL TO GET THEM PRE-APPROVED
- USDA Technical Service Providers (TSP) CAP-128 Certification- For Agricultural Systems Projects only

The audit must include a summary of recommendations with the following information for each recommendation, if applicable: existing MMBTU usage,

proposed MMBTU usage, MMBTU savings, existing kWh, proposed kWh, kWh savings, existing kW, proposed kW, kW savings, annual savings (\$), cost, payback years, expected life cycle (years), and percent of savings.

LED lighting only energy audits are not eligible for assistance. Energy audits must be comprehensive in nature.

If approved, a copy of the completed energy audit must be shared with SRDC as well as the energy auditor's invoice.

PACE: An Option for Project Financing

Rural small businesses and/or agricultural producers, as well as non-profits and churches, may be eligible for the Rural Minnesota Energy Board (RMEB) Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program.

PACE is a financing tool for improvements to existing facilities that substantially increase energy efficiency. Project examples may include, but do not limit the following: LED lights, HVAC, Heating, Cooling, Insulation, Windows, Refrigeration, etc.

PACE allows for improvements to be made without up-front capital outlay. Loans are paid back via property taxes. The increase in property taxes is offset by the decrease in energy costs so that there is no change in the bottom line.

Applications are accepted on a continual basis. For an online copy of the brochure and application, please visit <http://www.rmeb.org/pace.htm>.

PACE can be the sole funder for projects or can nicely wrap around primary lender financing, rebates or grants.

Contact Information

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss your project in advance, please contact Robin Weis at 507-836-1638 or via e-mail at robin@swrdc.org.



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Application Form

USDA_____

Applicant is a: ☐ Rural Small Business - or - ☐ Agricultural Producer
(Definitions are on the back side)

NAICS Code: _____

If NAICS Code is unknown, please refer to <https://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics/>.

Applicant Contact Information

Applicant	
Primary Contact	
Address	
Telephone	
Email	

Project Information

Project Location- Complete Address	
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1	Are there certain items you'd specifically like to see addressed within the energy audit? If so, please explain.
2	Are you expecting to see solar and/or wind within your energy audit? If so, please explain.
3	Why are you interested in an energy audit?
4	Based on the results, when might you consider implementing some/all of the items listed within the energy audit?

Additional Information and Attachments (optional)

If you have additional information you'd like to provide, you may enter it into the box below and/or include it as an email attachment when submitting your application.

Targeted Rural Small Businesses will include: A small business in accordance with the Small Business Administration's (SBA) small business size standards by the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) found in 13 CFR part 121.301 (a) or (b). A private for-profit entity, including a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, cooperative (including a cooperative qualified under section 501(c)(12) of the Internal Revenue Code), and an electric utility, including a Tribal or governmental electric utility, that provides service to rural consumers. These entities must operate independent of direct Government control except for Tribal business entities chartered under Section 17 of the Indian Reorganization Act or other Tribal business entities that have similar structures and relationships with their Tribal governments as determined by the Agency. The Agency shall determine the small business status of such a Tribal entity without regard to the resources of the Tribal government. With the exception of the entities described above, all other non-profit entities are excluded.

Targeted agricultural producers will include: An individual or entity directly engaged in the production of agricultural products, including crops (including farming), Livestock (including ranching); forestry products; hydroponics; nursery stock; or aquaculture, whereby 50% or greater of their gross income is derived from those products.