

## Center Point Energy Retro-Commissioning – 2011 Technical Services Program Program Overview

### What is the Technical Services Program?

Technical Services Program (TSP) is the latest addition to the Retro-commissioning (RCx) Program, one of many Energy Efficiency offerings by CenterPoint Energy. It offers NO COST technical energy audit and analysis to building owners to support the City of Houston's 2011 Energy Efficiency Incentive Program (EEIP). The energy audit will be performed or managed by a Certified Energy Manager (CEM) and/or Professional Engineer (PE). For more information, please visit CenterPoint Energy's [Retro-Commissioning website](#).

### What are the program benefits?

- Free technical energy analysis and report that provides a comprehensive assessment of the facility.
- Customer incentives available through the City of Houston's EEIP program, which offers 20% of up-front energy efficiency project costs (\$20,000 minimum and \$200,000 maximum per building).
- Identifies energy efficiency measures, intended to:
  - Reduce peak summer demand and annual energy consumption
  - Reduce energy costs
  - Improve occupant comfort
  - Extend equipment life

### How do I participate in the program?

- Applicant must join the [Houston Green Office Challenge](#) (GOC) and commit to participate in the [2011 EEIP](#) to qualify for incentives from City of Houston.
- Applicant must submit the Technical Services Program application to the Program Administrator

### Who can participate in the program?

Projects applying to the TSP will be screened for eligibility.

- Businesses or Building Owners of commercial office facilities under CenterPoint Energy service territory within the City of Houston.
- Applicant must install a minimum of \$100,000 in energy efficiency improvement costs within the specified project deadline.
- Building must show a potential for annual energy savings of 15% or more.

### Do I get incentives from CenterPoint Energy as a part of this program?

No. For 2011 TSP, CenterPoint Energy is offering the specified energy auditing services in lieu of cash incentives. However, cash incentives may be available through the EEIP offered by City of Houston for 2011.

### What are the incentive rates from the EEIP?

The EEIP offers incentives to offset 20% of the up-front implementation costs (labor and materials), ranging from \$20,000 to \$200,000 maximum per building, upon completion of the project within the deadline and with at least 15% energy savings verified.

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