



Local Energy Efficiency Program (LEEP) for local governments and schools



LEEP helps cities, counties, tribal governments, and K-12 school districts reduce energy costs and improve infrastructure, starting with an investment grade audit, then providing guidance throughout the project.

What is an investment grade audit? It identifies and evaluates energy conservation measures and defines project scope, cost, savings, and cash flow over a proposed financing term.

Program Benefits

Achieve Organizational Goals

- Reduce energy use
- Reduce in greenhouse gas emissions
- Increase use of renewable energy
- Create jobs

Address Facility Issues

- Increase occupant comfort
- Improve health and safety
- Handle deferred maintenance
- Reduce energy price uncertainty

Access Resources

- Augment staff capacity
- Access expertise

Project Examples

- Retrofitting to efficient lighting
- Redesigning HVAC system
- Upgrading to high-efficiency boilers and chillers
- Installing building controls
- Increasing water conservation
- Adding solar energy systems
- Improving building envelope
- Other energy-related improvements prioritized during investment grade audit



LEEP Project Process

- Commerce Led
- Commerce Supported
- Local Government Led



Opportunity Assessment m	Provider Selection m	Investigation m	Investment Grade Audit m
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- Preliminary calls
- General site & info screening
- B3 and utility data review
- Determine if site is viable
- Joint powers agreement

- Issue site-specific RFP
- Site walk-through
- Provider RFP response
- Review & score proposals
- Select provider

- Preliminary analysis & suggestions
- Detailed investment-grade audit
- Audit report to participant
- Viable project?

- Typical cost \$10-30k
- Three year loan available
- Detailed enough to ensure energy savings repay project costs



Design and Construction Bids	Financing 	Implement Project	Project Review, Ongoing O&M m
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Solicit engineering design bids and construction bids

Energy Savings Partnership via St. Paul Port Authority or other source

Complete project with selected contractors

- Provider & LEEP Reviews
- Lease Payments
- Track Savings

Ready to get started?

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