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Energy Technology Assistance Program (ETAP) Hurry While Funding Lasts!

Cities, special districts, large non-profits, and public colleges and universities may qualify for energy efficiency rebates to improve their buildings, parking lots, and garages through the Energy Technology Assistance Program (ETAP). ETAP is an Energy Upgrade California Program funded through the California Energy Commission and by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The program provides participants with rebates, technical support, and implementation assistance to cover a portion of project costs. Important to note that cities may add these measures to energy efficiency projects that they are working on with SBCCOG/SBESC and SCE's Energy Leader Program. ETAP provides incentives/rebates to public agencies such as cities for installing the following energy efficiency technologies:

- 1) Bi-level lighting controls – For parking lots and parking garages to reduce lighting fixtures' energy use during times of low or no occupancy
- 2) Wireless lighting controls – For buildings to enable scheduling, occupancy-based controls, and individual control preferences
- 3) Wireless HVAC controls – To monitor zone temperatures throughout a building and optimize energy use for heating, ventilating, and air conditioning

ETAP funding is limited and the program is scheduled to end by March 2012 or sooner. Information about eligibility, the technologies, estimated energy savings, case studies, and more is on the ETAP website at www.energy-solution.com/etap. If you have questions about the program, please contact Celina Stratton at (562) 200-2020 x503 or Marilyn Lyon at SBESC 310-371-7222 ext. 204.