



BUSINESS ENERGY ADVISORS

What is BEA?

The Business Energy Advisors (BEA) program guides business owners and facility managers through energy planning for new construction, major renovations, or expansion projects in Tompkins County.

Who can participate?

- Businesses considering new construction, major renovation, or expansion
- Eligible participants: commercial businesses, retail establishments, multifamily properties (5+ units), manufacturing facilities, research and development organizations, nonprofits, or municipalities
- Buildings located in Tompkins County

Why participate?

- Get advice from energy experts
- Understand options to save energy and reduce costs
- Learn about incentives, financing, and applications
- Set and achieve realistic energy goals
- Support our community's environmental goals

How does it work?

1. Kick-off Meeting

Meet with energy consultants to introduce your project, share your goals, and discuss which aspects of the building to evaluate.

2. Set Energy Goals

Work with consultants to define practical and aspirational targets while reviewing your current or anticipated energy use to identify ways to reduce consumption and costs.

3. Feasibility Study

Consultants assess the technical and economic viability of various energy-saving solutions for your building.

4. Energy Options Report

Receive a comprehensive report with energy solutions, available incentives, and Ithaca Energy Code Supplement compliance guidance, if applicable.

5. Review and Feedback

Review the draft report and provide any feedback or questions. You'll have the opportunity to request edits or clarifications before finalizing recommendations.


6. Close-out Meeting

Meet with the consultants to review the final report, discuss any revisions, and hear their expert recommendations for next steps in your project.

Ready to get started? Contact us to schedule your kick-off meeting.

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