About the New Construction Lighting Program

Previous lighting programs focus on replacement of existing lighting stock. The latest New Construction Lighting program offers generous incentives for initial installation of more efficient lighting applicable to renovations or ground-up construction.

How It Works

The National Electrical Code (NEC) code section 220.12 defines minimum standards for building power density for new construction. Don’t be fooled into settling for lower performance lighting that just meets NEC code requirements. Participating in this program facilitates partial or complete reimbursement for the additional cost of higher performance lighting.

How To Qualify

All projects are required to have at least 50% of the lighting equipment supplied by products on the Design Lights Consortium or ENERGY STAR® Qualified products list. A power density calculation is also required. Your lighting designer or engineer is likely to have this; if not, we can help.

Program Benefits

This program provides two tiers of incentives, contingent upon the energy savings in excess of minimum requirements (NEC). These range from $0.40/watt (reduced) up to $0.80/watt (reduced).

MD Energy Advisors Can Help

We make energy choices simple. Contact us as early as possible in the design of your project. Let us help you traverse the multiple program requirements such as helping calculate the power density to ensure you arrive at the optimal lighting incentive for your new construction or retrofit project.