More comfort, lower energy costs

No matter the size of your business or property, upgrading to high-efficiency commercial HVAC equipment lowers your operating costs and saves you energy and money over the long term.

High-efficiency equipment:

- Extends life span and requires less maintenance than traditional systems.
- Regulates on-off cycles more efficiently so you use less energy.
- Creates even and consistent temperatures for added comfort.
- Conserves energy and reduces your environmental impact.

Why it matters:

- 40% of the average commercial building's energy costs are related to heating, cooling and ventilation—equal to approximately 7% of total operating expenses.
- Improved comfort and air quality leads to happier employees and more returning customers.
- The average commercial customer saves $2,600 over the lifetime of their new equipment when they choose to upgrade.

How to participate

Upgrading to high-efficiency commercial HVAC is easy.

1. **Determine your HVAC needs.**
   Contact your contractor to find the heating and cooling solutions that are right for you.
2. **Find a participating distributor.**
   Visit **RIEnergy.com/Business** and search for participating distributors near you using our online tool.
3. **Install new equipment and start saving.**
   Enjoy the benefits of high-efficiency heating and cooling with long-lasting savings for your business.

For more details and to get started, visit RIEnergy.com/Business

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Air-Cooled Air Conditioners							
Equipment Type	Unit Type	Sub Category	Size Category	Tier	Full Load Cooling Efficiency	Part Load Cooling Efficiency	Minimum Customer Sales Price Discount ($/Ton)*
Air-Cooled	AC	Split System and Single Package	< 65 kBtuh (< 5.4 Tons)	1	12.7 EER2	14.3 SEER2	$30
				2	12.7 EER2	16.2 SEER2	$90
Air-Cooled	AC	Split System and Single Package	≥ 65 kBtuh and < 135 kBtuh (≥ 5.4 Tons and < 11.3 Tons)	1	12.0 EER	16.3 IEER	$30
				2	12.0 EER	18.0 IEER	$100
Air-Cooled	AC	Split System and Single Package	≥ 135 kBtuh and < 240 kBtuh (≥ 11.3 Tons and < 20 Tons)	1	11.5 EER	15.6 IEER	$25
				2	11.5 EER	17.5 IEER	$75
Air-Cooled	AC	Split System and Single Package	≥ 240 kBtuh and < 760 kBtuh (≥ 20 Tons and < 63.3 Tons)	1	10.1 EER	14.5 IEER	$25
				2	10.1 EER	16.0 IEER	$75
Air-Cooled	AC	Split System and Single Package	≥ 760 kBtuh (≥ 63.3 Tons)	1	9.8 EER	14.0 IEER	$25
				2	9.8 EER	16.0 IEER	$75

Air-Cooled Heat Pumps									
Equipment Type	Unit Type	Sub Category	Size Category	Tier	Full Load Cooling Efficiency	Part Load Cooling Efficiency	Heating Efficiency	AHRI HCR[1]	Minimum Customer Sales Price Discount ($/Ton)*
Air-Cooled	HP	Central Heat Pumps	< 5.4 Tons	-	-	15.2 SEER2	8.1 HSPF2	60%	$200/unit
		Ducted/ Ductless MSHP Multi-Zone		-	-	15.2 SEER2	8.1 HSPF2	58%	
		Ductless MSHP Single-Zone		-	-	15.2 SEER2	8.5 HSPF2	58%	
Air-Cooled	HP	Split System and Single Package	≥ 65 kBtuh and < 135 kBtuh (≥ 5.4 Tons and < 11.3 Tons)	1	11.1 EER	13.5 IEER	3.5 COP	-	$50
				2	11.1 EER	18.0 IEER	3.5 COP	-	$112.50
Air-Cooled	HP	Split System and Single Package	≥ 135 kBtuh and < 240 kBtuh (≥ 11.3 Tons and < 20 Tons)	1	10.7 EER	12.5 IEER	3.4 COP	-	$40
				2	10.7 EER	17.0 IEER	3.4 COP	-	$100
Air-Cooled	HP	Split System and Single Package	≥ 240 kBtuh and < 760 kBtuh (≥ 20 Tons and < 63.3 Tons)	1	9.6 EER	12.0 IEER	3.3 COP	-	$20
				2	9.6 EER	16.0 IEER	3.3 COP	-	$75

[1]HCR — Heating Capacity Ratio (5°F/47°F)

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Water-Cooled or Evaporatively Cooled Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps								
Equipment Type	Unit Type	Sub Category	Size Category	Tier	Full Load Cooling Efficiency	Seasonal/Part Load Cooling Efficiency (SEER/IEER)	Heating Efficiency	Minimum Customer Sales Price Discount ($/Ton)*
Water-Cooled	Water Source HP	Split System and Single Package	ANY	1	14.0 EER	-	4.6 COP	$37.50
				2	17.0 EER	-	4.6 COP	$100
Water-Cooled	Ground Source Closed Loop HP	Split System and Single Package	ANY	1	15.0 EER	-	3.4 COP	$75
Water-Cooled	Ground Source Open Loop HP	Split System and Single Package	ANY	1	19.0 EER	-	4.0 COP	$75
Water-Cooled or Evaporatively Cooled	AC	Split System and Single Package	< 65 kBtuh (< 5.4 Tons)	1	13.5 EER	14.0 IEER	-	$25
Water-Cooled or Evaporatively Cooled	AC	Split System and Single Package	≥ 65 kBtuh and < 240 kBtuh (≥ 5.4 Tons and < 20 Tons)	1	13.0 EER	15.5 IEER	-	$25
Water-Cooled or Evaporatively Cooled	AC	Split System and Single Package	≥ 240 kBtuh (≥ 20 Tons)	1	12.5 EER	14.5 IEER	-	$20

Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF)							
Equipment Type	Unit Type	Sub Category	Size Category	Full Load Cooling Efficiency	Part Load Cooling Efficiency	Heating Efficiency	Minimum Customer Sales Price Discount ($/Unit)*
Air-Cooled	HP	VRF	≥ 65 kBtuh and < 135 kBtuh (≥ 5.4 Tons and < 11.3 Tons)	11.5 EER	20.0 IEER	3.4 COP	$750/unit
Air-Cooled	HP	VRF	≥ 135 kBtuh and < 240 kBtuh (≥ 11.3 Tons and < 20 Tons)	11.0 EER	18.0 IEER	3.3 COP	
Air-Cooled	HP	VRF	≥ 240 kBtuh ≥ 20 Tons	9.6 EER	18.0 IEER	3.3 COP	
Water-Cooled	HP	VRF	≥ 65 kBtuh and < 135 kBtuh (≥ 5.4 Tons and < 11.3 Tons)	12.5 EER	22.0 IEER	4.4 COP	
Water-Cooled	HP	VRF	≥ 135 kBtuh and < 240 kBtuh (≥ 11.3 Tons and < 20 Tons)	11.0 EER	20.0 IEER	4.2 COP	
Water-Cooled	HP	VRF	≥ 240 kBtuh ≥ 20 Tons	11.0 EER	17.0 IEER	4.0 COP	

Dual Enthalpy Economizer Controls (When Installed With New Qualifying Equipment)	
Equipment	Minimum Customer Discount ($/Unit)*
Outside Air Economizer Utilizing 2 Enthalpy Sensors	$125

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Electronically Commutated Motor (ECM) Circulator Pumps for Hydronic Heating or Service Hot Water Installations	
ECM Pump Size	**Minimum Customer Discount ($/Unit)***
≤ 1/6 HP	$75
> 1/6 HP and ≤ 3/4 HP	$100
> 3/4 HP and ≤ 3 HP	$200

High-Efficiency Condensing Units (HECU) for Refrigeration	
Equipment Size	**Customer Discount ($/HP)**
≥ 1 HP and ≤ 3 HP	$400
> 3 HP and ≤ 6 HP	$200

Commercial PEI-Rated Efficient Water Pumps				
Pump Type	**Pump Size Category (rated HP)**	**Measure Efficiency (PEI)**	**Energy Rating (ER)**	**Minimum Customer Sales Price Discount ($/HP/ER)***
Constant Speed	≥ 1 HP and < 5 HP	< 0.96	≥ 5	$2.50
	≥ 5 HP and < 50 HP	< 0.96	≥ 5	$1.25
	≥ 50 HP and < 200 HP	< 0.96	≥ 5	$0.25
Variable Speed	≥ 1 HP and < 5 HP	< 0.49	≥ 52	$0.75
	≥ 5 HP and < 50 HP	< 0.49	≥ 52	$0.375
	≥ 50 HP and < 200 HP	< 0.49	≥ 52	$0.10

Commercial Heat and Energy Recovery Ventilators			
Equipment	**Fuel Type**	**AHRI 1060 Total Effectiveness**	**Minimum Customer Discount ($/CFM)***
Commercial Heat and Energy Recovery Ventilators	All	≥ 60%	$0.50

High-Volume Low-Speed (HVLS) Fans	
Fan Blade Diameter (Ft.)	**Incentive ($/Unit)**
8-13.99	$1,000
14-17.99	$1,500
18	$2,000

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FEI-Rated Fans (Fan & Blower)					
Fan Type	Fan System Type	Size Category (Motor HP)	Tier	Measure Efficiency (FEI)	Customer Discount ($/Motor HP)
Variable	Ducted	≥ 1 and < 5 HP	1	≥ 1.25	$60
			2	≥ 1.40	$120
Variable	Ducted	≥ 5 HP	1	≥ 1.25	$40
			2	≥ 1.40	$80
Power Roof Ventilator	Unducted	≥ 1 and < 20 HP	1	≥ 1.25	$40
			2	≥ 1.40	$80

High-Efficiency Evaporating Units	
Measure Eligibility	Incentive ($/Fan)
Must include EC motors, integrated motor controls, EEV and defrost controls	$250

Packaged Terminal Heat Pumps (PTHP)					
Equipment	Project Type	Size Category	Full Load Cooling Efficiency	Heating Efficiency	Customer Discount ($/Unit)
Packaged Terminal Heat Pumps	Retrofit	≤ 10,000 BTU/h	12.1 EER	3.5 COP	$350
		> 10,000 BTU/h	10.7 EER	3.1 COP	

Equipment must be sold for installation at a facility that pays a commercial or industrial rate for electricity through Rhode Island Energy and must not already be receiving incentives through another Rhode Island Energy program.

Sales that total 10 or more units OR $8,000 or more in total initiative incentives must receive pre-approval to guarantee the incentives.

Qualifying sales must include a line-item on the customer invoice containing the phrase "RI Incentive:, "RI Energy Efficiency Incentive", or another phrase approved by the Initiative Implementer.

Equipment capacity is AHRI-rated capacity or capacity at AHRI rating conditions for units without an AHRI rating.

*This is the minimum incentive amount that must be reflected in a price reduction for each eligible sale. Instant discount is expected to be passed down to the end-use customer

Onsite verifications may be required.

By receiving the incentive during the purchase from an enrolled distributor, the equipment cannot be considered for any other incentive program from Rhode Island Energy. Incentives and qualifying equipment are subject to change at any time. For more program information, please visit: **RIEnergy.com/Business**

Please contact Energy Solutions, program implementer, with any questions at **617-440-5467** or **HVAC-NE@energy-solution.com**