



## The Federal Buildings Initiative

The Federal Buildings Initiative (FBI) facilitates energy efficiency retrofit projects in buildings owned and managed by the Government of Canada. Developed and administered by Natural Resources Canada's Office of Energy Efficiency, the FBI helps federal organizations enter into third-party energy performance contracts (EPCs) in which the future energy cost savings pay for the investment.

### How the program works

The FBI provides a package of technical and non-technical tailored support and services to help simplify and remove much of the risk of implementing an EPC:

- free preliminary audits and facilitation services to start your retrofit project
- advice and consultation on environmental assessments, project financing options, tendering, awarding of contracts and project monitoring
- assistance in customizing the performance contracting documents to suit organizational needs
- a qualified bidders list (QBL) of prequalified energy service companies (ESCOs) that can bid on federal retrofit projects
- consultation with ESCOs and federal organizations on evolving policy and operational issues
- customized approaches to energy management training and workshops through reliable industry contacts
- employee awareness, celebration and recognition opportunities through case studies and the *Heads Up Energy Efficiency* newsletter

### The benefits for your organization are clear

Implement an FBI-supported project and you can take advantage of the following:

- private sector financing for capital investments
- turnkey implementation that takes advantage of ESCO engineering and energy management expertise
- a prequalified ESCO that assumes virtually all risk
- guaranteed energy savings that your organization retains at the end of project completion
- more energy-efficient buildings with reduced greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution
- healthier, more comfortable and productive working environments

### Results to date

The FBI is a practical, environmentally responsible energy efficiency solution that has allowed the Government of Canada to lead by example. Since 1991, the program has helped implement retrofits in one third of crown-owned floor area in Canada, attracting hundreds of millions of dollars in private sector investments. These projects have demonstrated a 15 to 20 percent energy savings on average and have reduced the impact of government operations on the environment. Other levels of government, institutions and private sector firms also draw on the FBI's experience for help in designing their own energy efficiency programs.

#### For more information

For more information on the program and how it can help your organization, contact the FBI toll-free at **1-877-360-5500**, send an e-mail to [fbi.ibf@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca](mailto:fbi.ibf@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca) or visit the Web page [oee.nrcan.gc.ca/fbi](http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/fbi).

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