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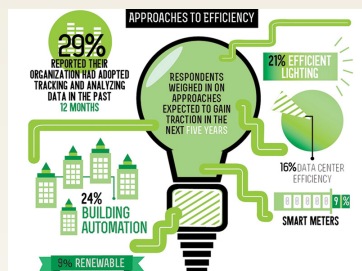
### DID YOU KNOW?



Each year, energy costs for commercial facilities total about \$180 billion, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. This is more than \$2 per square foot of building space, making energy use a cost worth managing.

Source: [Toledo Edison](#)

### MARKET TRENDS



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In a largely stagnant economy, U.S. organizations are making tough choices on which initiatives make the budget. According to a [new study released by Schneider Electric](#), energy efficiency programs are

Greetings,

At the beginning of every new year, millions of Americans make New Year's resolutions, which inevitably are forgotten by the end of January. This year, forget making a New Year's resolution. Instead make an energy efficiency resolution. Need some ideas on resolutions to make your building more energy efficient? Contact [Air Temp Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.](#) to work on developing innovative, cost-effective solutions to saving your building energy and money in 2014.

## SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN 2013-AND 2014 COULD BE EVEN BETTER

In 2013, significant progress was made by state, federal, and local governments to a number of [energy efficiency policies](#). To recap the



progress made, among the states, Mississippi and Louisiana decided to begin utility programs, and Connecticut and Maine passed legislation to advance efficiency initiatives. In total, seven states adopted one of the latest model building energy codes, and eight states signed a memorandum of understanding to put 3.3 million plug-in electric and fuel cell vehicles on the road by 2025.

Progress also continued at the local level with many local governments pursuing comprehensive approaches to energy efficiency and some developing new policy and program initiatives. For example, Chicago became the ninth and most recent U.S. city to require commercial building energy disclosure.

In the upcoming year, many states will be

making the cut.

The survey reveals that 63% of respondents had invested in energy efficiency programs within the past 12 months, while 43% plan to increase their investment for the upcoming year. The two most common energy management practices that respondents have recently adopted were data tracking and analysis.

What forces are driving these energy investments? The majority of respondents report energy cost savings as the biggest factor, with government incentives coming in second.

#### Q & A



**QUESTION:** How much will I save by lowering my building's thermostat three degrees over an eight-hour period?

**ANSWER:** For every degree of temperature setback over an eight-hour period, you can save an estimated 1 percent on heating costs, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. A three degree temperature adjustment for eight hours will result in a savings of 3 percent. The savings will triple to 9 percent if you extend the setback period to a full 24 hours.

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considering new energy efficiency policies and many cities are pursuing additional energy efficiency actions to improve sustainability and resiliency at the local level. Throughout 2014, we'll keep you up to date on the progress being made across the country via our monthly newsletter. In addition, visit [ACEEE](#) for more information on national, state, and local energy policies.

## ANNOUNCING THE 2013 "BEST OF GREEN SCHOOLS" LIST

The Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) recently announced its third annual "Best of Green Schools" list, which



recognizes top educational institutions, individuals and initiatives across the country for environmental efforts.

Some of the recipients of the Best of Green Schools 2013 include:

**K-12 School - Lady Bird Johnson Middle School (Irving, TX):** LEED Gold Lady Bird Johnson Middle School is the first net-zero energy school in the state of Texas. At 152,250 square feet, the campus is the largest net-zero educational facility in the country.

**Higher Education Institution - Emory University (Atlanta, GA):** Emory has among the highest number of square feet of LEED-certified space of any campus in America.

**Policy Maker - Colorado state Sen. Andy Kerr:** In the spring of 2013, Kerr successfully passed SB 13-279, requiring all school districts in Colorado to build new schools or to reconstruct schools to the highest possible energy efficiency.

Please visit [The Center for Green Schools](#) for more information on each of this year's recipients.

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