# Available Energy Rebates & Energy Savings Performance Contracting

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#### The ECG Group: Who We Are

- *Experts* in Energy Performance Contract (EPC) Technical Consulting/Evaluation/Design
- Proven track record of over 100 EPC projects meeting/exceeding the guaranteed energy savings
- Selected as CCM's Energy Consultant for all statewide EPC projects
- Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) Certification



### **CT Rebate Opportunities**

- Designed to incentivize business owners to invest in Energy Efficiency
- EverSource and United Illuminating are the two largest CT utilities offering comprehensive rebate programs
- Various rebate programs available
  - Prescriptive Program
  - Customized Program
  - Whole Building Program
  - New Construction

#### CT Rebate Opportunities (cont.'d)

- Prescriptive
  - Unit-by-Unit Basis (ex: \$500/unit for EnergyStar Gas Oven)
- Customized
  - Calculation Basis (Rebate amount based on Annual electric or natural gas savings)
- New Construction/Equipment
  - Can be 75-90% of incremental cost of high efficiency equipment
- Whole Building
  - Targets larger facilities with comprehensive energy reduction strategies deployed.
  - Bonus Upgrades Available

#### Why is this important?

- CT has some of the highest utility rates in the country
  - Rebates are designed to help customers pay less for their utilities

- Motivating Factors to pursue these programs
  - Rebates for LED lighting *No-Brainer Economics*
  - Future Funds in Question *Act now to capitalize*
  - Less Funds in 2018 than past years *More Competition*
- ECG specializes in assisting customers to identify energy savings and maximize rebates to fund your capital needs

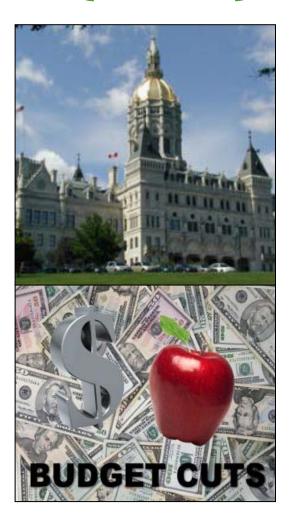
#### Recent Rebate Awards

• ECG's customers regularly enjoy significant rebates for the comprehensive nature of **Energy Performance Contracts** 

Customer	Rebate Amount
Waterbury, CT	~ \$3.7 Million
Cheshire, CT	~ \$1.25 Million
Southington, CT	~ \$1.3 Million
Guilford, CT	~ \$500,000
Branford, CT	~ \$225,000

# What Is An Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC)?

- Partnership between a Municipal Agency and Energy Services Company (ESCO)
- Make needed building improvements <u>now</u> and pay for them out of future, <u>guaranteed</u> energy savings the upgrades will yield
- No out-of-pocket costs and no risk



# Fund Energy Improvements With No Out-Of-Pocket Costs

Positive Cash Flow **Positive** Debt Cash Service Current Flow **Payments** Energy **Budget** New New **Energy** Energy **Budget Budget** Before Program **Years 1-20** After Program

## What Upgrades are Eligible?

- Any system that generates or saves energy
- Gas Conversions
- Solar/Other Renewables
- Temp. Controls
- Doors
- Windows
- Roofs
- Boilers
- Exterior Finishing
- Lighting
- Many others



## Why Consider an ESPC?

- Mounting lists of facility needs with constrained budgets
- Innovative and tax/budget-neutral funding source
- Myriad of options for energy efficiency. An ESPC identifies, evaluates, implements, and measures all viable upgrades
- Take Facilities into 21<sup>st</sup> Century While Addressing Needed Upgrades
- CT Rebate Programs reward applicants with bonuses for comprehensive energy initiatives versus one-off, piecemeal projects

#### Case Study - Waterbury, CT

#### **Financials:**

- Project Size: \$27.4 M
- Annual Savings: \$1.67 M
- 39% Reduction in Baseline
- Estimated Rebates: ~ \$3.7 M

#### **Scope Highlights:**

- 14 Boiler Plant Upgrades
- LED Upgrades to +20,000 fixtures
- Elimination of Pneumatics and upgraded front-end EMS
- Steam Traps, Pipe Insulation, Building Envelope, etc.



The ECG team is highly knowledgeable and effective in communicating complex subject matter that is clear and understandable to the City's stakeholders
-Michael LeBlanc, Director of Finance

#### Case Study - Cheshire, CT

- Project Size: \$10.2M
- Annual Savings: \$650K
- Utility Rebates: +\$1.25M
- In Performance Period



#### **Scope Highlights:**

- Complete interior lighting retrofit in classrooms/dimming LED system
- Energy Management System Upgrades
- Electric → Hydronic Heating Conversion
- Chiller replacements
- Oil/Electric → Gas Conversions



#### Case Study -Branford, CT

- Project Size: \$5.9M
- Annual Savings: \$341K
- Utility Rebates: +\$225K
- Phase: Construction



#### **Scope Highlights:**

- Comprehensive elimination of pneumatic controls district-wide
- Interior/Exterior LED Upgrades
- Improvements to WWTP
- Replacement of Air Handling Units across the Town and District Facilities



# ECG's Scope of Services

- 1. Preliminary Energy Assessment
- 2. Customized RFP to solicit proposals from ESCO's; ECG Evaluates Proposals
- 3. Oversight of Investment Grade Audit
- 4. Technical Review of Investment Grade Audit & Contract
- 5. Engineering design
- 6. Construction administration
- 7. Measurement & Verification; ECG assists owner to ensure guaranteed savings are realized

# Questions?

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