

Finding energy-saving opportunities

Training with an associated advisory visit

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As a general manager or director in industry, you will be under pressure to control energy costs in the face of escalating prices. But even if you have a technical background, you're not an energy specialist; how can you pick projects which are likely to be winners?

East Midlands Development Agency (emda) has commissioned NIFES Consulting, a long-established specialist in this field, to run a training and advice programme that could help you. The service is free for business units¹ in postcode areas DE, LE, LN, NG and NN employing 10-200 people. It comes in two parts:

1. Introductory evening workshop with buffet supper;
2. One-hour "walk-round" survey of your business unit, with a verbal report

In contrast to most subsidised energy surveys, our energy management expert will aim to identify *just one important thing that is really worth trying*. The training workshop and associated back-up materials will give you further ideas to follow up after your first success.

During the workshop we will cover:

- The people dimension: motivation, awareness and training
- Commonplace low-cost and no-cost technical opportunities
- Typical measures requiring investment...
 - o in buildings
 - o in common industrial processes
- Finding suppliers of equipment and services
- The contribution of renewable energy technologies
- Sources of impartial advice and information

The workshop will run from 4pm to 8pm with a buffet supper. No previous experience is assumed. Each company which sends a delegate from a site meeting emda's criteria on size and location will receive handouts on the day and (subject to the following conditions²) a site visit.

¹ The "business unit" can be a branch of a large enterprise: it does not have to be an SME in the usual sense.

² Limited to one site visit per company. Visits will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis according to the order in which applications were received from delegates who take up their places (attendance at your booked workshop is a prerequisite). NIFES will inform you if your application will qualify your company for a free visit, but later applicants may also qualify if earlier applicants do not take up their booked places. NIFES's decision on eligibility will be final.



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