

# Feedback Form

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## eDSM Industrial Program Evolution - May 22, 2025

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- Following the May 22, 2025 engagement webinar, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking feedback from stakeholders on the current industrial program (Industrial Energy Efficiency Program). The webinar presentation and recording can be accessed from the [engagement webpage](#).
- **Please submit feedback to [engagement@ieso.ca](mailto:engagement@ieso.ca) by **June 5, 2025**.** If you wish to provide confidential feedback, please submit as a separate document, marked "Confidential". Otherwise, to promote transparency, feedback that is not marked "Confidential" will be posted on the engagement webpage.

| Topic                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Feedback                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Would a first-come, first-served model with a single sign-off better support your project planning - and are there any risks or challenges you foresee with this approach?                                         | <p>Yes, a first-come, first-served model with a single sign-off would better support project planning. This approach would streamline the process and provide clarity on project approvals. However, there are a few risks and challenges to consider:</p> <p>Funding Certainty: This model would work well if it is sufficiently funded annually. We need certainty when developing a business case for a project that it will get funded.</p> <p>Long-term Funding: The only risk would be in later years if the money starts to dry up. Consistent and reliable funding is crucial to ensure the sustainability of projects over time.</p> |
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| Would a tiered, standard-offer incentive – like \$/MWh, with potential adders for grid-constrained areas or large projects – make it easier for you to pursue projects? What is your desired incentive ie. \$/MWh? | This approach would be beneficial for business case development and internal funding requests, providing certainty for project development and business planning; however, if the \$/MWh is not enough, additional incentive funds should be requested in the proposal to help make the project viable.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| What minimum threshold would align with your projects? What types of projects or facility areas could you see benefitting from a broader eligibility criteria?                                                     | No minimum threshold (MWh) would be ideal, allowing companies to submit as many projects as needed, but and monitoring total incentive dollars awarded. Broader eligibility for energy projects at an industrial facility could benefit space heating (resistance heating to heat pumps).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Would access to audits and feasibility studies help you identify and advance more energy-savings projects? How should it be structured to ensure early assessment lead to real, completed projects?                | Yes, funding studies internally can be a challenge, but having the ability to fund studies sooner helps with ideation and project feasibility. Could offer bonus fund if a study leads to a real completed project.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| What type of support or coordination would make it easier for you to complete projects and access incentives with greater confidence?      | Pre-project support to have alignment on necessary criteria for incentive award. In a large plant metering can be difficult to obtain if not already installed, so coordination of whether M&V really needed for projects, could unnecessarily add complexity and risk                                                                                           |
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| Are you considering new construction projects? How should the program evolve to better support energy-efficient new construction projects? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The program could investigate similar equipment and discount the higher efficiency equipment where needed. (i.e incentive for energy efficiency above normal)</li> <li>• Linkage with LEED? LEED has 'big picture' focus – building envelope, utility consumption, carbon emissions, construction materials.</li> </ul> |

## General Comments/Feedback

- Lighting and lighting controls eligible for incentives?
- Any need to incentivize based on demand reduction? Load shifting?
- Future need will be to decarbonize and fuel switch, majority to electric, program to have flexibility to evolve to account for changing landscape, and possibly linkage with NRCan for multi fuel (total energy savings).