

## **August 22, 2012 – City offers Energy Audits for Commercial Buildings**

The City of Shreveport's Energy Efficiency Division (SEED) is extending its reach, thanks to a generous donation by SWEPCO. Owners of commercial buildings within the city limits now have the opportunity to receive discounted energy audits to identify improvements that can be installed as well as the dollar amount of utility cost savings that would result from the improvements.

The audits normally cost \$800-\$1,000 for small to medium-sized commercial buildings. The SEED program will use funding received from SWEPCO to cover the bulk of the cost, with the property owner ultimately responsible for only \$100 in most cases. Additional costs will apply for buildings larger than 6,000 square feet and buildings over 10,000 square feet may not be eligible for the discount.

Tax credits may be available to help offset the cost of the recommended improvements.

A similar program for residential homeowners has been in place since early 2011, and funding is still available for this program as well.

For more information, contact the City's Energy Efficiency Program Manager, **Tracey Graham**, at (318) 673-6594 or [tracey.graham@shreveportla.gov](mailto:tracey.graham@shreveportla.gov).

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