



News Release

Port Incentivizes Energy Efficiency

Tenant equipment rebate program begins just before Earth Day

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The Port of Long Beach is launching a new program offering its tenants rebates to encourage them to replace outdated, polluting and inefficient electrical equipment with energy-efficient technology.

Earlier this month, the Board of Harbor Commissioners approved the Energy Efficiency Rebate Match Program, creating a pool of \$500,000 to reimburse tenants up to 100 percent of their equipment purchase costs. The Port's rebates would match Southern California Edison rebates for eligible energy-saving equipment but are capped at the total cost of the products.



"With Earth Day coming soon, April is the perfect month to start talking about this program," said Board of Harbor Commissioners President Lori Ann Guzmán. "As we build the Green Port of the Future in Long Beach, it's our responsibility to encourage the use of the newest, most efficient equipment."

In January 2015, Port CEO Jon Slangerup introduced his Energy Island Initiative, a comprehensive strategy for transitioning the Port to sustainable, zero-emission power sources and self-generation systems. This initiative will enhance resiliency by creating the ability to "island" port operations independently from the grid in an emergency. It will also stabilize power costs for terminal operations, further reducing the Port's carbon footprint and increasing the competitive advantages of doing business in Long Beach.

The rebate program is integral to achieving these goals by improving energy-related efficiencies, which in turn, reduce the amount of self-generated electricity required for Energy Island. Each port tenant applying is eligible for up to \$50,000 in rebates.

Port staff will host a rebate program workshop for tenants from 8:30-10 a.m. May 5, 2016, at the Port of Long Beach Maintenance Facility, 725 Harbor Plaza, Long Beach. For more information, contact Manager of Sustainable Practices Christine Houston, (562) 283-7108, or write to the program staff at EERM@polb.com.

Earth Day is April 22. Learn about the Port's environmental initiatives at www.polb.com/environment/air/default.asp.

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Photo caption: An energy-efficient light emitting diode lamp in the Harbor District.

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