

OWNERS AND DESIGNERS OF COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS CAN QUALIFY FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY TAX DEDUCTIONS UNDER THE ENERGY POLICY ACT OF 2005.

Owners and designers of commercial buildings can reduce their tax liability by building and designing more efficient buildings. Tax deductions are available to owners of private commercial buildings, and designers of public commercial buildings, based on the following criteria:

TAX CRITERIA DEDUCTIONS			
Building Type	Portion of Building	Requirements	Available Tax Deductions
New Commercial Buildings	Whole Building	50% better than ASHRAE 90.1-2001*	\$1.80 per sq.ft.
Existing Commercial Buildings	HVAC and Hot Water System or Building Envelope	50% better than ASHRAE 90.1-2001 for HVAC and Hot Water System or Building Envelope	\$0.60 per sq.ft.
	Interior Lighting System	25%-50% better than ASHRAE 90.1-2001-	\$0.30 per sq. ft. on a sliding scale up to \$0.60 per sq.ft.

*energy standard for buildings

Source: www.energytaxincentives.org

Who is eligible for tax deductions?

Owners or tenants of new or existing commercial buildings as well as designers of public buildings.

When does the work have to be completed?

These deductions are available for buildings or systems placed in service from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2007.

What are some things I should do?

- Save all your receipts and equipment documentation.
- Consult the IRS or your tax advisor.

How can LIPA help?

- LIPA can serve as a technical resource to Long Islanders regarding energy efficiency requirements.
- We can help you identify qualifying commercial energy related equipment.
- Regardless of qualification for tax deductions, LIPA services can help you make your new or existing business more efficient.

Where can I find out more information?

The Department of Energy and the Internal Revenue Service will provide more information about the tax deductions as it becomes available. The most complete and updated information is available on the web at www.energytaxincentives.org. For information on energy efficient products go to www.energystar.gov. While we have made every effort to describe the tax deductions accurately, we cannot provide tax advice and suggest you contact a tax professional with any questions specific to your situation.