Local Energy Efficiency Program (LEEP) for local governments and schools

LEEP helps cities, counties, tribal governments, and K-12 school districts reduce energy costs and improve infrastructure, starting with an investment grade audit, then providing guidance throughout the project.

What is an investment grade audit? It identifies and evaluates energy conservation measures and defines project scope, cost, savings, and cash flow over a proposed financing term.

Program Benefits

Achieve Organizational Goals
- Reduce energy use
- Reduce in greenhouse gas emissions
- Increase use of renewable energy
- Create jobs

Address Facility Issues
- Increase occupant comfort
- Improve health and safety
- Handle deferred maintenance
- Reduce energy price uncertainty

Access Resources
- Augment staff capacity
- Access expertise

Project Examples
- Retrofitting to efficient lighting
- Redesigning HVAC system
- Upgrading to high-efficiency boilers and chillers
- Installing building controls
- Increasing water conservation
- Adding solar energy systems
- Improving building envelope
- Other energy-related improvements prioritized during investment grade audit
**LEEP Project Process**

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**Opportunity Assessment**
- Solicit engineering design bids and construction bids
- Energy Savings Partnership via St. Paul Port Authority or other source
- Complete project with selected contractors

**Ready to get started?**

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