



LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY WITH AN EARLY DESIGN ASSISTANCE MEETING

GET SUPPORT FROM ENERGY TRUST OF OREGON

Holding an Early Design Assistance (EDA) meeting during schematic design can help your project get off to a strong start. The goal of an EDA meeting, also known as a charrette, is to establish your project's energy-efficiency and renewable energy goals and identify strategies to meet them.

An EDA meeting can also help your team:

- Discuss your baseline energy use intensity (EUI) target and strategies to achieve it
- Identify energy-efficient design features early in the process, saving time and money
- Decide on energy-saving priorities and goals
- Gain a better understanding of the cost-effectiveness and financial feasibility of improved energy efficiency
- Learn about other Energy Trust cash incentives that can help your team achieve its goals
- Understand the benefits of solar + storage and options to add to your project or plan for a future installation

HOW ENERGY TRUST CAN HELP

Your Energy Trust outreach manager is here to help you prepare for your EDA meeting, explain the agenda and provide information about Energy Trust cash incentives, including technical requirements. We even offer an incentive for holding an EDA meeting.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND AN EDA MEETING?

Required

- Owner
- Architect
- Mechanical engineer
- Energy analyst
- Meeting facilitator*

Recommended

- Lighting designer
- General contractor
- Building operator
- Energy Trust program representative
- Solar trade ally (if applicable)
- Commissioning agent (if applicable)

Attendee requirements will vary based on program path.

*The meeting facilitator should not be the program representative from Energy Trust.

EDA INCENTIVES

Basic Incentive Options

- \$2,500: Standard EDA meeting
- \$5,000: Whole Building and Path to Net Zero* EDA meeting

Add-On Incentives

Additional incentives are available for including specific experts at your meeting, including:

- \$500: Solar trade ally
- \$500: Commissioning agent
- \$500: Grid-interactive efficient building (GEB) expert, to determine how your building can take advantage of energy load management strategies

*Take it one step further when you approach your project with the entire building in mind.

Contact us to discuss your project and determine which project path is for you.



Scan the code for more information or visit www.energytrust.org/incentives/commercial-new-buildings-design-assistance.



Energy Trust's Early Design Assistance meeting provides great value for our clients, which is why we advocate for enrollment on every eligible project. It consistently helps our clients achieve and exceed their energy efficiency goals. Many of our most valuable design conversations with the owner group and design team happen during the early design meeting itself. ”

Heather DeGrella,
Associate Principal/Sustainable
Design Director, Opsi Architecture



To further explore the benefits of EDA meetings, contact us to connect with an outreach manager, call **1.877.467.0930** or email newbuildings@energytrust.org.