

Your facility may qualify as a potential candidate for a Rural Energy for America Program Energy Efficiency Audit



The North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center (NCCETC) is now accepting applications for energy efficiency audits. Through funds provided by the US Department of Agriculture's Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), NCCETC will conduct **a limited number of energy audits at a 75% discount** over the next two years.

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Did you know that energy efficiency improvements are traditionally one of the most effective ways to reduce costs and potential impacts to the environment?

The **USDA REAP** program makes energy experts from **NC State University** accessible to agricultural producers, as well as rural small businesses that often see higher costs in fixed expenses.

What's included:

- On-site assessment of energy use
- Utility rate analysis
- Recommendations for energy efficiency improvements
- Cost / benefit ratio for improvements

Who's eligible:

- Agricultural producers that generate **50% or more of gross income from agriculture**
- Rural small businesses, typically with **less than 500 employees** that reside in town/city with <50,000
- Go to **nccleantech.ncsu.edu** for more information on eligibility

Why energy efficiency:

- Energy efficiency improvements are typically the most cost-effective way to **reduce operational costs**.
- Implemented improvements lead to a **better overall use of energy**, including reduced environmental impacts.

The Fine Print:

- Audits are intended to identify cost-effective energy efficiency improvements, for which you may **apply for grant or loan guarantee funding through USDA REAP**.
- Additional information on **USDA REAP**: **<http://www.rd.usda.gov>**
- Accepted applicants are responsible for a flat \$711 fee for the audit.

TO LEARN MORE

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