

DIRECTIONS

Conference location

St. Cloud Civic Center
10 South Fourth Avenue, St. Cloud, MN
(320) 255-7272 or (800) 450-7272

Directions to the conference center

www.ci.stcloud.mn.us/CivicCenter/Directions.pdf

REGISTRATION

Registration fee

\$40 early registration by January 15, 2009
\$50 registration after January 15, 2009

To register

- City officials and staff:
www.lmc.org/page/1/cosponsored-events.jsp
- County officials and staff:
www.mncounties.org
- School district officials and staff:
www.mnmsba.org
- Township officials and staff:
www.mntownships.org
- All others:
www.lmc.org/page/1/cosponsored-events.jsp

QUESTIONS

Registration questions?

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Program questions?

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www.nextstep.state.mn.us/energyconference

LODGING

Rooms are available at special conference rates; ask for the "Reducing Energy Costs in Local Government" group block.

Best Western Kelly Inn - St. Cloud Hotel
100 - 4th Avenue South, St. Cloud, MN 56301
www.bestwesternstcloud.com

\$70 plus tax (single); \$80 plus tax (double)
Reservations: (320) 253-0606.


Deadline for reservations at this price:
January 7, 2009

Radisson Suite Hotel St. Cloud
404 St. Germain West, St. Cloud MN 56301
www.radisson.com/stcloudmn

\$70 plus tax, (single/double); \$80 (triple)
Reservations: (320) 654-1661.

Deadline for reservations at this price:
December 21, 2008



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Reducing Energy Costs in Local Government

Thursday, January 22, 2009; 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
St. Cloud Civic Center, St. Cloud, Minnesota

Why attend this conference?

Minnesota local governments are facing serious economic challenges because of increased expenses as well as decreased revenue. Furthermore, volatile and unpredictable energy costs are adding to these stresses on local government budgets.

This conference will give your organization a head start in preparing for an uncertain future. Learn about actions that local government can take now to reduce energy costs:

- Hear from public entities that have successfully reduced their energy bills: what steps have been effective, and what benefits have been realized.
- Talk with representatives from organizations that can help local governments reduce energy use.
- Connect with others. Discuss and share information and ideas for saving energy and reducing costs.

Who should attend this conference?

Any officials, staff, or citizens connected with cities, counties, school districts, and townships.

- Elected officials
- Administrators and department heads
- Facility managers
- All levels of staff
- Citizens serving on commissions and boards
- Interested individuals

Conference Agenda

8:30 – 9:00

Registration, exhibits, refreshments

9:00 – 9:15

Welcome and conference introduction

Brad Moore, Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Janet Streff, Manager, State Energy Office, Minnesota Department of Commerce - Office of Energy Security

9:15 – 10:00

Panel: Energy challenges and opportunities for Minnesota local governments

Hear how energy issues are impacting Minnesota public entities in this time of economic challenge, and what strategies might be taken for the future.

Mary Hamann-Roland - Mayor, City of Apple Valley

Felix Schmiesing - Commissioner, Sherburne County Board

Bob Meeks - Executive Director, Minnesota School Boards Association

Dan Greensweig - Attorney, Minnesota Association of Townships

10:00-10:20

Best practices review: Reducing energy costs in local government

Rebecca Otto, Minnesota State Auditor

An electronic presentation of the Office of the State Auditor's 2008 Best Practices Review which highlights case studies and resources available to Minnesota local governments for reducing energy costs.

10:20-10:35

Brief introductions from exhibitors

Assistance providers exhibiting at the conference will introduce themselves and services they offer.

10:35-11:05

MORNING BREAK, VISIT EXHIBITORS

11:05 – 12:15

Panel: Case studies of communities reducing energy costs

Learn from the experiences of public entities that have reduced spending on energy. Opportunity for audience questions.

Washington County - Ted Schoenecker, Transportation Planning Manager

City of Wells - Jeremy Germann, City Administrator and Zoa Heckman, Community Development Director

MACCRAY School District - Gary Sims, Principal, Grades 7 - 12

City of Minnetonka - Brian Wagstrom, Director of Public Works

LUNCH

12:15 – 1:15

1:15 – 1:55

2:00 – 2:45

3:00 – 3:40

3:45 – 4:30

BREAKOUT SESSION I			
GETTING STARTED	BUILDINGS AND OPERATIONS	TRANSPORTATION	COST-FREE OPTIONS
Getting started on reducing your energy costs	Building basics: Evaluating energy reduction opportunities	Cutting energy costs for vehicle fleets	Changing work hours and work patterns
BREAKOUT SESSION II			
Identifying resources for technical assistance	Building energy reductions: Improving existing buildings	Reducing energy costs for school bus fleets	Cost savings through policy and ordinance changes
2:45-3:00 Break			
BREAKOUT SESSION III			
Identifying resources for financial assistance	Building energy reductions: Designing new buildings	Cooperative purchasing and hedging of vehicle fuels	Energy performance contracting
BREAKOUT SESSION IV			
Evaluating renewables for your operations	Reducing energy costs in wastewater treatment plants	Saving energy in traffic and street lighting	Involving citizens in identifying cost-saving opportunities

For More Details, visit: www.nextstep.state.mn.us/energyconference

