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Energy efficiency spotlight: New York City

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In May 2015, the American Council for An Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) announced the results of its Biennial Energy Efficiency Scorecard ranking the most energy-efficient cities in the U.S. The ranking accounted for factors including government operations, community initiatives, buildings, utilities and transportation. The most energy-efficient city, according to their scorecard, is Boston, with New York City coming in at a close second.

With offices in New York and a desire to see the Big Apple take the top spot in ACEEE's next challenge, we thought we'd take a closer look at the policies and incentives that are helping New York be such a stellar example of efficiency for the rest of the nation. The ACEEE ranks New York as a top leader in local government efficiency initiatives. New York City mayor Bill de Blasio has made it his mission to see his city's greenhouse gas emissions cut 80% by 2050.

New York City's green building plan dictates that all public buildings using too much energy will be upgraded for efficiency by 2025. In April, mayor de Blasio announced a \$100 million public housing energy savings program across almost 300 developments to retrofit thousands of buildings to operate more efficiently. According to New York City.gov, mandates and initiatives like these are slated to not only save \$8.5 billion in energy costs over 10 years, they're projected to create around 3,500 jobs in the fields of construction and energy services.

Commercial building owners are currently eligible for millions of dollars in rebate and incentive monies available to upgrade their lighting and HVAC systems for greater levels of efficiency and automated demand response participation. Studies evaluating building energy usage are also eligible for incentive reimbursements of up to \$67,000.

Enerliance is proud to be a part of New York City's quest to be a national energy efficiency hero. Installing LOBOS HVAC optimization technology is one way commercial building owners can qualify for upgrade rebates while delivering improved comfort to their occupants and meeting their city's efficiency mandates and goals.

As a Con Edison market partner, with a number of incentivized projects featuring LOBOS currently in progress, Enerliance has the experience and positioning to help New York's commercial real estate market attain its efficiency goals. For more information on how LOBOS can improve the comfort and efficiency of your building, learn more at our "building owners, managers and occupants" page.

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