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Energy savings are what's cooking

BERLIN, Conn. – Eversource and Energize Connecticut are teaming up to bring energy-saving programs and services to restaurants across the state.

“From refrigeration and lighting, to exhaust hoods and heating and cooling, we understand restaurants have special energy needs,” Eversource’s energy efficiency spokesman Enoch Lenge said. “We will work with you to provide custom energy solutions that help you save money, energy, and enhance comfort of your employees and customers.”

Connecticut Restaurant Association (CRA) members, in particular, have reaped savings already. North Stonington-based Gourmet Galley is one CRA member that recently participated in the Small Business Energy Advantage program, where an Eversource-authorized contractor conducted a no-cost energy audit and proposed custom recommendations for energy improvements.

Gourmet Galley installed high-performance lighting and fans in their refrigerators and freezers. Now, the sustainable, gourmet caterer is projected to save more than \$3,500 in annual energy costs.

“We went from standard fluorescent bulbs to LED lighting, and I can see a difference already,” said Gourmet Galley owner Anna Lothrop. “It shines better light on the food, which has helped our chefs with food preparation and presentation. Not to mention, the kitchen is cleaner too.”

She added, “At first it seemed the energy-saving promises were too good to be true. However, the people at Eversource were very thorough and delivered on every promise of the program.”

Small Business Energy Advantage program highlights include:

- Comprehensive energy-saving proposals that detail the measures to make your business more energy efficient and projected savings; you decide what improvements make sense for you, and there’s no obligation to install
- Financial incentives available for up to 50 percent of the installed cost of the upgrades
- Incentives available for efficient lighting, controls, and kitchen equipment like refrigerators, smart hoods, ovens and freezers
- Zero-interest financing available to qualified customers (payable on your monthly electric bill, so you only have one monthly payment)
- No upfront costs for installed upgrades
- Two-year warranty on contractors’ parts and labor

If you’d like your business to become more energy efficient, call 877.WISE.USE (877-947-3873) or visit EnergizeCT.com/businesses.

About Energize Connecticut

Energize Connecticut helps you save money and use clean energy. It is an initiative of the State of Connecticut, the Connecticut Green Bank, Eversource, UI, SCG and CNG, with funding from a charge on customer energy bills. Information on energy-saving programs can be found at EnergizeCT.com or by calling 877.WISE.USE.

