

Contractor Connect

for participating contractors

The latest:

Hello Contractors, and Happy Holidays!

Thank you for your continued participation in Minnesota Power's rebate programs, and for helping make 2025 another successful year! We look forward to continuing to work together in 2026. In this newsletter, you'll find a link to the **2025 Contractor Network Survey**. Your input is valuable to our program, and we appreciate your response.

Looking ahead to the new year, we will be hosting a **virtual 2026 Kick Off meeting on January 13, 2026**. While there will be no changed incentives in 2026, this will be a good opportunity to review heat pump requirements, ask any questions you have about filing rebates, and for us to go over a few reminders.

As a reminder, we have an additional contractor liaison, VaDawn Wagnitz, who is available for meetings or questions. If you have not heard from her yet, she may be reaching out soon.

Feel free to reach out to Chelsea, Jon or VaDawn with any feedback, suggestions or questions.

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Contractor Network Survey 2025 - We Need Your Feedback!

We are once again asking for your feedback on our Participating Contractor Program. Your insights will help us improve our website, trainings, outreach, and more. We appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedules to complete our survey! Click the link below to take the brief survey.

[Take the Survey Now](#)

Save the date: 2026 MN Power Kickoff Meeting - January 13th, 2026

Everyone is welcome to join! Please share this invitation with any office staff that assist with submitting rebates.

We will cover:

- Review of rebate incentives and requirements
- Overview of potential changes in 2026 and an update on 2027-2029 Triennial Plan
- Discussion of tax credits and upcoming state ASHP rebate programs
- Dual Fuel discounted rate overview
- Q&A

Virtual Meeting: January 13th 2026

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

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Meeting ID: 235 219 721 532 22

Passcode: s4YH9cc3

New Customer ASHP Tune Up Rebate Application

You may have heard that we made some changes to the ASHP tune up rebate. We marketed this directly to customers, and they can now submit their own applications for this incentive. This has been a success, and we have seen more of these applications come through this fall. Feel free to mention the \$25 tune up rebate to your customers as you complete these services. They can call with any questions!

Eco Direct Pay

In 2025, Minnesota Power started a new program that partners our Energy Partners Income-Qualified program with the Participating Contractor Network. This program

provides installations of energy-efficient equipment for eligible customers free of charge. In 2025 we provided energy efficient upgrades to 34 income qualified homes. If you would like to be a part of this program please reach out to Kiah Brasch, [Tel:218-355-3472](tel:218-355-3472)/Email: kbrasch@mnpower.com.

Contractor Portal Website

If you are not familiar with the Contractor Portal, take a look today!
Visit: [Participating HVAC Contractor Portal - Minnesota Power is an ALLETE Company](#). The online portal has HVAC applications, rebate requirements, printable rebate forms, previous contractor newsletters, past contractor trainings and more!

Save the Date: Energy Design Concepts Duluth Feb 17 & 18, 2026

Energy Design Concepts Duluth will be held at the DECC on February 17 & 18, 2026. Energy Design Concepts aims to provide a valuable, educational, and innovative conference focused on the core principles of energy-efficient building and responsible design. Continuing Education Credits will be available. For more details, keep an eye on: www.duluthenergydesign.com.



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