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## PUD No. 3 and EDC Partner to Promote Conservation Programs

Energy efficiency and savings for businesses in Mason County are the goals of a partnership that has been established between Mason County PUD No. 3 and the EDC of Mason County. The energy conservation initiative adds to the services that EDC provides to businesses.

PUD 3 can help commercial customers to reduce operating costs through PUD rebates for conservation projects that reduce overall power consumption. Many of the programs have recently increased the incentive levels. The energy-efficiency benefits are available from the Bonneville Power Administration through the PUD.

There are several companies that have utilized these programs. Two that have already benefited include Simpson Timber Company and Aero Controls. Simpson received assistance to replace a less efficient chip blower system with a significantly more efficient conveyor system. Aero Controls partnered with PUD 3 to replace all of their lighting with energy efficient florescent fixtures in their 70,000 square foot warehouse distribution center.

The two business and commercial programs that are supported for conservation are the following:

### Commercial - Higher Efficiency Lighting

Rebates are available for upgrading to higher efficiency lighting equipment. Lighting is a large part of the energy use in a commercial building. Depending on the type of activity, the cost of lighting and removing heat the lights produce in a typical office building may account for up to 40 percent of a utility bill. Often the choice for greater efficiency means better color, lower maintenance and less flicker and glare.

### Commercial - Site Specific Projects

Other non-residential efficiency improvements are eligible for a rebate of \$0.20 per first year kilowatt-hour saved, based on either approved engineering calculations or actual before and after metering of the project. Rebates are capped at 70% of actual costs. This includes retrofit custom projects and new construction custom projects.

Projects must be submitted and approved prior to purchasing or installing any equipment.

The best way to find out if your commercial/industrial facility qualifies for one of these programs is to contact Matt Matayoshi at the EDC of Mason County.

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## TOP 20 MASON COUNTY EMPLOYERS

EMPLOYER	2008	2009	EMPLOYER	2008	2009
1. Little Creek Cassino Hotel	714	720	11. Simpson Timber Company	360	170
2. Shelton School District	675	675	12. Fir Lane Health & Rehab	140	153
3. Washington Correction Center	646	657	13. Island Enterprises	104	145
4. Mason General Hospital	511	475	14. Alderbrook Resort & Spa	125	125
5. Wal-Mart	406	430	15. Skokomish Indian Tribe	130	124
6. Mason County	421	360	16. Safeway	96	121
7. North Mason School District	358	351	17. Mason County PUD No. 3	116	116
8. Taylor Shellfish, Inc.	400	325	18. Fred Meyer	114	115
9. Olympic Panel Products	340	280	19. City of Shelton	127	105
10. Squaxin Indian Tribe	237	249	20. Mason County Forest Products	177	101