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Free Factory Checkups

Small and medium-size manufacturing plants in the Pacific Northwest will be able to get an assessment from the University of Washington on how to reduce electricity use. The program, sponsored by the federal Department of Energy, will bring teams from the UW's new Industrial Assessment Center to qualifying plants to provide an in-depth assessment of energy efficiency.

A business may qualify for a free assessment if it:

- Pays annual energy bills of between \$100,000 and \$2 million
- Has fewer than 500 employees at the plant site
- Does not employ professionals qualified to perform the assessment
- Is located within about 150 miles of Seattle

A complete list of qualifications can be found at
<http://www.ee.washington.edu/energy/iac/assessment.html>.

Reports from other participating universities say that their recommendations resulted in annual cost savings that averaged \$55,000.

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