

Emerging technology program

The emerging technology program is designed to introduce energy-efficient technologies and products to Nicor Gas customers to help them use natural gas more efficiently.

What is an “emerging technology”?

An emerging technology is a product or practice that is commercially available, but has not yet been widely adopted by customers.

How does the emerging technology program work?

The emerging technology program focuses on technologies that are new to the market or have not yet achieved broad market acceptance.

Technologies are selected for pilot assessments, which provide critical information on market performance, potential energy savings and costs.

After conducting pilot assessments, the technologies are evaluated to determine if they should be added to the energySMART portfolio of rebate and incentive offerings.

Program participation benefits

If an applicant is selected for a pilot assessment, energySMART, a Nicor Gas program, will provide:

Consulting

Assessment-related technical consulting, design and engineering assistance

Incentives

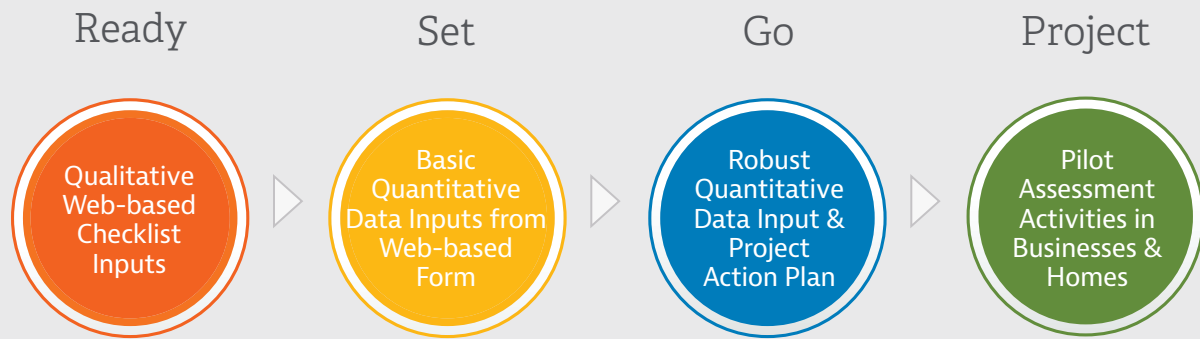
Customer incentives for equipment and installation, depending on project specifics

Monitoring

Monitoring and data collection to help demonstrate savings

Results

Summary of project results when the pilot assessment is complete



The emerging technology program uses an application evaluation tool called Ready, Set, Go. Each of these stages will review and assess the proposed emerging technology to determine if it is a good fit for a pilot assessment.

Submit your ideas through our online application system

How do I apply?

Visit nicorgasrebates.com/emerging to apply, where you will be asked to provide basic information about the emerging technology. After completing your application, you will receive a confirmation email including your application status and details about the next steps.

Who can apply?

- Any manufacturer or vendor of a new product or practice that has the potential to realize gas savings for Nicor Gas customers.
- Any product or practice for residential, commercial or industrial applications.

When can I apply?

Applications are reviewed and accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

What conditions must the technology and applicant meet?

- Emerging technologies must be commercially available products. Prototype units are not eligible.
- Applicants should be prepared to provide units for pilot assessments.
- Subsidies for equipment or installation costs may be available.

- Applicants do not need to be Nicor Gas customers; however, it is preferred that pilot assessments be conducted at Nicor Gas customer sites.
- Applications must be in compliance with all local, state and federal regulations.

The emerging technology program team will work with applicants to identify pilot assessment sites in the Nicor Gas service territory.

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