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Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) is proud to offer a new service to multifamily developers from CenterPoint Energy Minnegasco. This service is targeted towards new construction multifamily projects in Minnegasco's service territory with 5 or more units that will be centrally heated with natural gas. A particular focus of the project is in assisting the low-income / moderate-income multifamily sector.

We are looking for interested developers to identify and successfully implement cost-effective energy efficiency recommendations. The program:

- Provides design assistance to identify utility savings
- Evaluates the energy savings and model energy use
- Identifies potential financial resources and utility rebates
- Performs commissioning to verify that construction follows the intended design and provides properly functioning systems
- Showcases high profile projects with major developers of affordable housing to gain visibility and credibility for new practices

The program addresses the ongoing design and construction of multifamily buildings by providing in-depth design assistance. This can be a costly service for small, individual buildings with modest energy use. Our program streamlines this process and we are able to offer it free to qualified buildings. Information gathered from this process will then be made available to additional buildings. The design assistance will focus on the key performance issues for typical multifamily buildings such as:

- Heating/cooling system design
- Building Envelope Design
- Ventilation systems
- Zone comfort control
- Appliances

Participants are under no obligation to implement any of the recommendations made by the program. For recommendations that are implemented, we can work with you to ensure their proper design, implementation, and verification. In addition, many of the recommendations may be eligible for utility rebates. This program is provided as a service of CenterPoint Energy Minnegasco.

To learn more about the program, please contact Keith Butcher, Center for Energy and Environment, at (612) 335-5890.