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KGIP manages a large portfolio of buildings across the Pacific Northwest. The Accelerator solidified their teams' commitment to the importance of adjusting HVAC and lighting levels to maximize long-term efficiency.

Insights from a PSE business customer

Clean Buildings Accelerator

Washington state lawmakers passed the Clean Buildings Law (HB1257, 2019) to begin to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from commercial buildings greater than 50,000 square feet. To help our business customers who must comply, we partnered with Stillwater Energy to create the Clean Buildings Accelerator. The Accelerator is a no-cost program that meets you where you're at with your buildings and energy use, and then teaches you how to comply and go beyond.

HERE'S A CHANCE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM FROM ONE OF OUR ACCELERATOR PARTICIPANTS.

KG Investment Properties

KG Investment Properties (KGIP) is a regional commercial real estate firm with locations in Washington, Oregon and Northern California. The company has over 26 million square feet under management. The following insights are from **Shawn Gilson, general manager for KGIP.**

WHY DID YOU JOIN THE ACCELERATOR?

“We were looking for a way to better understand the Clean Buildings Law requirements. We heard about the Accelerator from another KGIP property management team who were already enrolled.”

HOW HAS THE ACCELERATOR HELPED YOU?

“PSE and Stillwater Energy provided valuable knowledge, as well as access to the Department of Commerce, which helped us sort through challenging building scenarios that would have been difficult on our own. The program also helped us immediately understand where our buildings scored on state energy use intensity guidelines, and as a result we had more time to solve compliance issues. All of that reduced the stress we felt in terms of meeting requirements.”

WHAT'S BEEN THE GREATEST BENEFIT?

“Enrolling in the Accelerator saved us valuable time and money because it meant we didn’t have to create our own training to educate employees about the law and how to comply with it. It was also an excellent way for our KGIP teams to better understand key areas to focus on that improve overall energy efficiency.”

ANY ADVICE FOR OTHER BUSINESSES LIKE KGIP?

“I’d recommend using this program as a great tool to understand Clean Buildings requirements *before* you make the decision to work through the process in house or hire a consultant to do the work for you. It’s much easier to make that critical decision once you know all the facts and where you stand.”



Simple practices like regularly changing air filters have a huge impact on overall HVAC efficiency — or inefficiency if they’re not done. This critical link is a focus of the Accelerator, and KGIP makes it a high priority.



The teams at KGIP have learned how to optimize use of their building automation systems to stay on top of fluctuations in energy use, which signify when maintenance or adjustments are required to keep energy use as low as possible.

Ready to begin?

Whether you’re ready to enroll in the Accelerator or you’re looking for more information, use the QR code to get started. You can also reach us at cleanbuildings@stillwaterenergy.com.

