

# Free Energy Surveys

## The first step in reducing your energy consumption

The Carbon Trust provides organisations with advice on energy efficiency. Funded by DEFRA, it offers professional, independent and objective advice to help you identify and implement opportunities for saving energy and reducing carbon emissions.

### What does The Carbon Trust Offer?

The Carbon Trust offers telephone advice, free publications on saving energy, staff awareness posters, interest free loans and a wide range of site surveys and advice tailored to your specific circumstances and needs.

### What to expect from Free Energy Surveys?

The Carbon Trust provides a two-stage service to help you identify, and then implement opportunities for energy efficiency - so you can *save money and reduce emissions* of carbon dioxide:

1. **Opportunities Assessment** - a *free* site visit which looks at overall energy use and identifies opportunities for cost-effective energy savings. This visit and its duration will depend on the size of the organisation's energy bill

#### Multi-site Opportunities Assessment -

organisations with more than 5 sites might be eligible for an opportunities assessment at a sample of sites, to identify the strengths and weaknesses of energy management practices and help the organisation deliver savings across its portfolio of operations

2. **Detailed Survey** - includes two free days of help from an energy consultant and a 50% subsidy for any additional days. This visit looks at specific issues identified in the Initial Opportunities Assessment. It investigates the feasibility and potential savings from a specific energy saving opportunity.

Upon completion of each assessment a report is produced. Recommendations will include an **action plan** which:

- details approximate savings
- estimates the likely payback period on any investment
- lists information to help source suppliers of energy efficient equipment

### ABS consulting and The Carbon Trust

ABS employs experienced Carbon Trust accredited consultants. We have introduced many clients to the Carbon Trust Survey Programme, all of whom have found the Opportunities Assessment to be a revealing exercise.

### Why ABS consulting?

The ABS team consists of experienced engineers, accredited Carbon Trust consultants and CIBSE certified Low Carbon Consultants and Energy Assessors.

Our philosophy is that buildings exist to fulfil the owner or occupier's business plan and to provide an efficient, safe and comfortable environment for users. It means that we take a client-centred strategic view, informed by our hands-on experience of all phases of the building lifecycle.

### Proven Results

In most cases our surveys have identified opportunities for at least a 25% reduction in energy cost and consumption.



**Discover where energy is wasted**

### Next steps

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- Building Services
- Carbon & Energy Management
- Continuous Commissioning (ConCom)
- Facilities Management
- Management Services
- Post Occupancy Evaluation
- Regulation Compliance
- Training & Workshops