COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

# BUSINESSES REDUCING IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT (BRITE) PROGRAM

Keep your suburban Cook County business green and competitive

## BRITE SOLUTIONS TAILORED TO YOUR FACILITY

The Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability BRITE program offers on-site assessments at **no cost** to your suburban Cook County business! BRITE can help reduce your **impact on the environment** and create a **healthier workplace** for your employees, customers and community.

#### Services Include:

- Free on-site assessments with consultants to help your facility:
  - Measure and analyze energy and water use, types of materials and potential pollutants
  - Reduce waste and utility costs
  - Save time, money and resources
  - Establish and meet sustainability goals
  - Create a safer and healthier work environment for staff
  - Stay ahead of the competition
  - Follow environmental regulations
- Financial assistance through grant funding and identifying utility rebates

# Cook County proudly offers language interpretation services.

#### How to Particpate:

- 1. Sign up: <u>www.cookcountyil.gov/BRITE</u>
- 2. Register on the Web Portal: <u>app.greenbiztracker.org/business</u>
- 3. Complete free assessment
- 4. Review recommendations
- 5. Decide the projects to complete
- 6. Implement enhancements <u>We advise – You</u> decide

#### BRITE Grants now available:

- Examples of projects the BRITE Grant covers include:
  - Upgrading equipment to newer models to eliminate toxics
  - Helping pay for waste reduction trainings
  - Purchasing and installing equipment that conserves energy and water
- Details: <u>www.cookcountyil.gov/BRITE</u>

Contact us today! <u>www.cookcountyil.gov/BRITE</u> BRITE@cookcountyil.gov | 312-603-8248





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## **Business Eligibility Requirements**

Currently, our assessments and grants are available to businesses that meet each of the following criteria:

- 500 or less full-time employees
- Dry cleaners, auto body or auto repair shops, metal finishers, metal fabricators, or food and beverage manufacturers
- Located in suburban Cook County
- Negatively impacted/proven loss of revenue from the pandemic
- Been in operation prior to 2020

Any business that meets each of the criteria above can fill out our interest survey-<u>https://bit.ly/BRITE-survey</u>.

A member from our team will reach out to schedule an assessment or provide additional energy-saving measures and financial incentives to create a greener, healthier work environment.

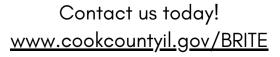
Any questions about eligibility can be directed to <u>BRITE@cookcountyil.gov</u> or by calling 312-603-8248.

### **Additional Resources**

- Cook County Small Business Source directly connects small business owners with expert guidance and support to take businesses to the next level.
  - <u>cookcountysmallbiz.org</u>
- Cook County's CPACE Program helps property owners secure low-cost, longterm financing for energy efficiency, renewable energy, water conservation and resiliency projects in commercial buildings.
  - <u>www.cookcountyil.gov/service/clean</u>
    <u>-energy-cpace-program</u>

Utility Rebate and Assessment Programs

- NICOR Commercial & Industrial Rebates
  <u>www.nicorgas.com/business</u>
- ComEd For Your Business
  - <u>www.comed.com/WaysToSave/ForYo</u> <u>urBusiness/Pages</u>
- Illinois Green Business Association provides assistance with implementing green business practices
  - <u>www.illinoisgba.org</u>
- More information on pollution prevention best practices: <u>www.epa.gov/p2</u>





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