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NEMA offers free lighting renovation checklist and guide to facility executives

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The National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) is helping American building owners and operators begin the process of reducing costs and saving energy with a renovation checklist and guide covering all aspects for renovation and upgrades.

The free Opportunities for Federal Building Retrofits lighting checklist is a detailed 18-page guide covering topics from personal light control to occupancy sensing to load shedding. The checklist gives specific lighting renovation information for virtually every type of structure: office buildings, industrial plants, warehouses, retail, and residential. Originally designed for the U.S. General Services Administration, it even covers aircraft hangars and housing. Users are directed to the latest information on energy-saving lighting products including lamps, luminaries, ballasts, and controls.

The checklist can be downloaded at the enLIGHTen America website www.nemasavesenergy.org.

According to NEMA lighting industry director Ron Runkles, lighting accounts for 30% or more of commercial building energy use, and new lighting products can reduce energy costs by 50%. The enLIGHTen America campaign promotes the value of modern lighting systems and targets building owners, operators, and executives who are interested in upgrading lighting products in un-renovated buildings.

NEMA is the association of electrical and medical imaging equipment manufacturers. Founded in 1926 and headquartered near Washington, D.C., its approximately 450 member companies manufacture products used in the generation, transmission and distribution, control, and end use of electricity. These products are used in utility, industrial, commercial, institutional, and residential applications. The association's Medical Imaging & Technology Alliance (MITA) division represents manufacturers of medical diagnostic imaging equipment including MRI, CT, x-ray, and ultrasound products. Sales of NEMA-scope products exceed \$120 billion. In addition to its headquarters in Rosslyn, NEMA has offices in Beijing and Mexico City.

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