# **Essential Online Resources for Your Business Customers**

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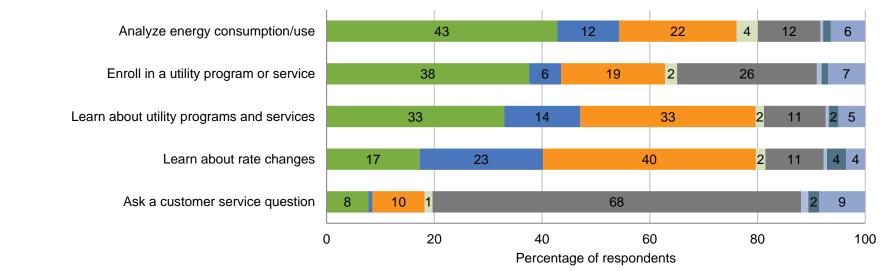
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## **Channel preference: utility interaction**

Small and midsize business (SMB) customers prefer the utility's website, personal phone calls, and email for most utility interactions. The utility's website is the leading channel for analyzing energy use, enrolling in program or services, or learning about programs or services.

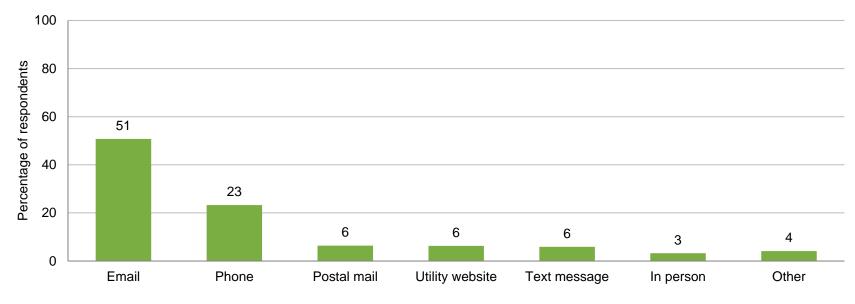
Utility website Postal mail Email Mobile phone app Phone, with a live person Phone, through an IVR Text message Other



**Base:** Small and midsize business customers included in the 2018 benchmark who answered this question (n = 4,971). **Question S4\_3:** Select your most preferred method of contact for each of the following interactions with your utility. **Note:** IVR = interactive voice response system. © E Source (Small and Midsize Business Gap and Priority Benchmark 2018)

### **Channel preference: business contact center**

SMB customers prefer phone and email to engage with contact center representatives.



### Communication channel

**Base:** Small and midsize business customers included in the 2018 benchmark with a utility business customer rep (n = 4,227). **Question S3\_10\_1:** What is your preferred method of regular contact with your utility business customer representative?

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# Online resources for commercial and industrial efficiency information

- Energy Star Portfolio Manager
- Industry associations:
  - National Restaurant Association
  - Brewers Association
  - International Institute for Sustainable Laboratories

- US Department of Energy
  - Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
  - Energy Information Administration (EIA)
  - Federal Energy Management Program (FEMP)
- National labs (Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, etc.)

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Building Characteristics

### Consumption and Expenditures

A table of Relative Standard Errors (RSEs) is included as a worksheet tab in the excel version of the consumption and expenditures tables (C1-C38). The end-use consumption tables (E1-E11) are modeled data and RSEs were not calculated. For more information about end-use consumption see Estimation of Energy End-Use Consumption.

See the Guide to the 2012 CBECS Detailed Tables for more information.	File name	Format	Release date	Revised date
	2012 CBECS microdata	📮 SAS	June 2015	August 2016 *
Noise fuels	2012 CBECS microdata	CSV	June 2015	August 2016 *
Major fuels	Variable and response codebook	<b>XLS</b>	June 2015	May 2016
- Electricity	SAS format codes	💐 SAS	June 2015	May 2016
	Survey questionnaire (EIA-871A)	🔀 PDF	June 2015	n/a
Release date: May 17, 2016	Show cards	🔀 PDF	June 2015	n/a
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Table C16. Electricity expenditures by Census region	🖪 PDF 🗐 XLS			
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Do you have effective business customer resources on your website?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

# E Source Business Energy Advisor

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# What is Business Energy Advisor?



### LIBRARY OF INFORMATION that integrates with your existing website and provides sector-specific energy advice for a wide variety of business types and technologies.



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### **Business Energy Advisor**

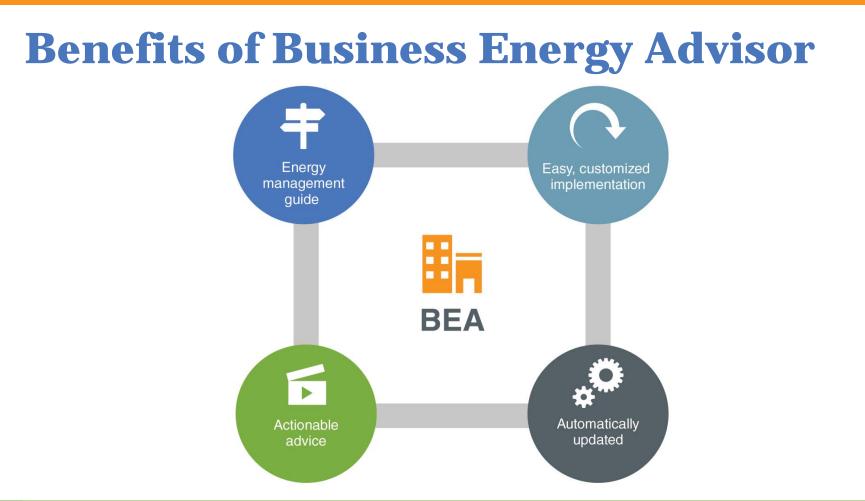
Your source for actionable advice on proven energy management strategies and technologies for your business

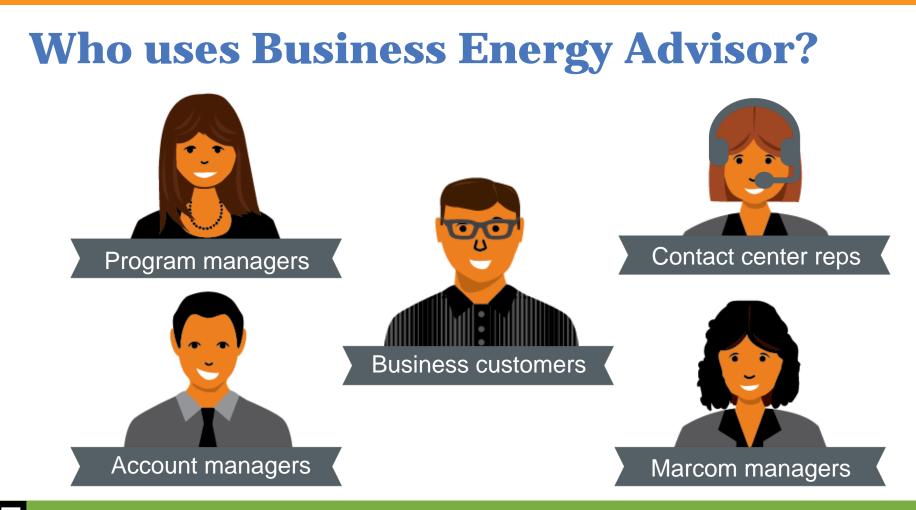




Browse technologies

With so many technologies to explore, you're sure to find your next big thing



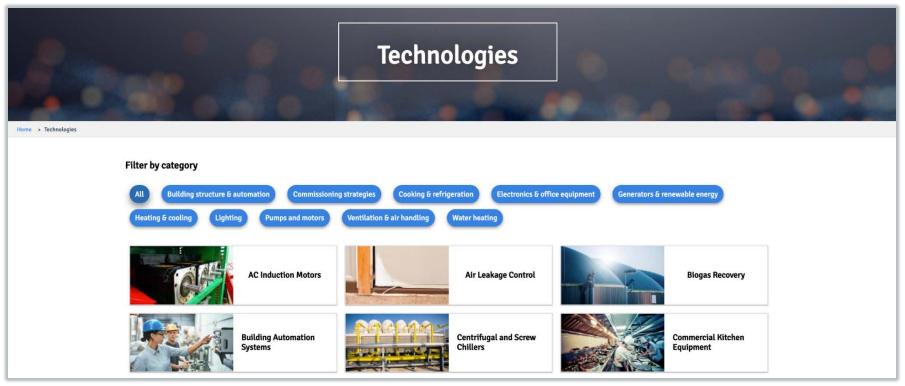


# **Data on 25 business types**

Filter by category

All Agribusiness Commercial buildings Municipal & healthcare facilities Office buildings	Education Food & beverage	Gathering places	Industrial & manufacturing	
Agriculture		Airports		Colleges and Universities
Congregational Buildings		Dairy Farms		Data Centers
Dry Cleaners and Laundry Facilities		Grocery Stores	Emergency	Hospitals

## Data on 10 technology categories with nearly 70 unique technologies





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# **Internal uses for Business Energy Advisor**

### Training for employees

- Call center
- Key accounts
- Business energy services
- Facilities management





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# **External uses for Business Energy Advisor**

- Business customer newsletter content
- Resource to review during energy audit or billing inquiry
- Resources to distribute at customer group meetings (industry- or topic-specific)
- Self-service resource for customers seeking guidance

# How Georgia Power uses it

- To promote energy-efficiency programs
- To enhance high-bill training
- As part of the new-hire and pipeline training curriculum
- To help reps understand customers' businesses and usage patterns
- To help reps feel empowered by providing a wealth of information at their fingertips





Heath Hartley Supervisor, Business Solutions Center, Georgia Power

# What you get with Business Energy Advisor

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# **Hosted version**



Your website URL: https://yourutilityname.bizenergyadvisor.com



Provides a resource for internal staff who serve business customers



Takes minimal time and effort to deploy and maintain



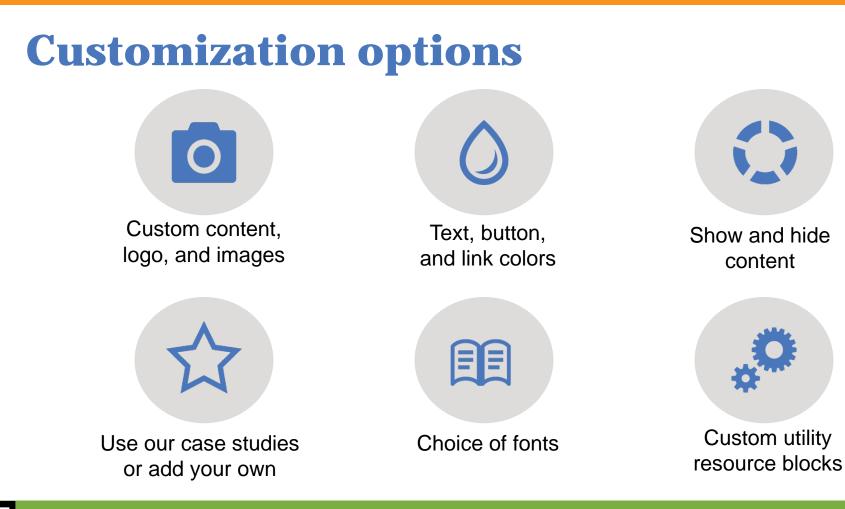
Includes your links to promote programs by business type or for certain technologies



Creates immediate value for your business customers



Provides significant customizability to fit your utility's look and feel



# **Robust API version**

Customizable, with complete control over web design, look, and feel



Nearly 100 pages of content for use within your website



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Safety & Outages

Saving Energy

Our Environment

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### Saving Energy

- For Businesses

### **Business Energy Advisor**

#### For Homes

Tips

This section gives you key areas of information that will quickly answer your energy-related questions.

This extensive online library of energy-related technology is a buyer's guide. Perfect for managers who want answers on day-to-day energy questions and to learn how to improve equipment performance and efficiency.

#### Facility Energy Advice

Energy-efficiency information presented by business type.

### Calculators

An online library of energy-related calculators.



#### **Energy Webinars**

For more information on how to be more energy efficient, view Seventhwave's library of webinars d

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Technology.

Calculators

#### Request an Energy Assessment

Facility Energy Advice

Building Energy Use

Comparison

Technology

High Performance Buildings

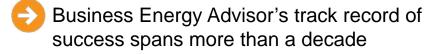
Business Energy Advisor

- TalksBiz Newsletter
- On Demand Savings
- For Multifamily



# Website tour

# **Business Energy Advisor summary**



- Creates an immediate web presence for serving your business customers
  - Provides easily understandable and accessible information on complex issues
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Contains accurate, current information on more than 25 business types and nearly 70 end-use technologies

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- Features nearly 100 individually addressable content pages
- Saves you thousands of hours of content development and maintenance
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- Great internal resource for your marketing managers, business call center reps, midsize account managers, and key account reps



Can be customized to fit your utility's look and feel and to promote your programs and services



Would you like to learn more about Business Energy Advisor or other E Source products and services?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

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