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About the CGI™ Certified Green Investment Registry

What is CGI?

CGI is an accredited management process to promote investments in environmental and energy enhancements using government grants, rebates, tax credits and subsidy funding. In cooperation with the U.S. EPA's Collision Repair Campaign, CGI serves as an economical method for business owners to achieve regulatory compliance. It provides the legal framework for electronic tracking and reporting of sustainable pollution prevention and energy savings. Link: WWW.EPA.GOV/OPPT/PUBS/OPPTPRG.HTM

What is the CGI mission?

- To provide information about the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Paint Stripping and Miscellaneous Surface Coating Operations at Area Sources Rule and encourage early compliance. Link: WWW.EPA.GOV/COLLISIONREPAIR
- To be a convenient means of reducing the negative environmental and health impacts on employees and surrounding communities by reducing Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAP, also known as air toxics), Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), and Particulate Matter (PM) emissions by promoting green building investment through energy conservation and pollution prevention. Link: WWW.EPA.GOV/P2

What are ENERGY STAR labeled shops?

ENERGY STAR is a voluntary public-private partnership program. As one important program strategy, EPA supports ENERGY STAR to help businesses and other organizations that monitor, understand, and reduce building-wide energy use, as well as assess the financial impact of improved energy performance. Many collision repair shops have actively invested in energy efficiency while improving shop performance and financial returns. Link: WWW.ENERGYSTAR.GOV

Why should shops get certified?

You can't establish ecological-savings without evidence. . . .You can't verify something you can't measure. Registered Environmental Assessment provides the government with information based on licensed certification data to validate compliance, substantiate pollution prevention and verify actual energy savings. The CGI process includes calculating the environmental and energy enhancements according to the requirements defined in Section 4 of Internal Revenue Service U.S. Department of Treasury Notice 2006-52. Link: [REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT](#)

What are the steps to become certified?

- Step 1 – *Application*: Request for consideration. Link: [CGI APPLICATION](#)
- Step 2 – *Assessment*: Due diligence & ROI evaluation.
- Step 3 – *Commitment*: Implement environmental measures.
- Step 4 – *Certification*: Federal, State & local registration.
- Step 5 – *Reporting*: Green attainment and sustainability.
- Step 6 – *Optional*: Investment management contract.
- Step 7 – *Optional*: Shared savings agreement.

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What enhancements are eligible for certification?

- HAPs 6H Best Management Practices
- Waterborne Products
- Spray Guns
- Paint Booth
- Gun Washer
- Air Compressor
- Filter Usage/Disposal
- Recycling Provisions
- Solar Power
- Wind Turbines
- Mobile Equipment
- Heating
- Ventilation
- Air Conditioning
- Waste Management
- Lighting Fixtures
- Lighting Controls
- Water Conservation
- Water Fixtures
- Motor Controls
- Chillers
- Pollution Prevention
- Hot Water Heater/Boiler
- Windows
- Insulation
- ENERGY STAR equipment
- Variable Frequency/Speed/Flow Control
- Power Factor Correction
- Piping Retrofit
- Waste Heat Recovery
- Waste Disposal Reduction
- Cogeneration
- Thermal Energy Storage
- Electrical Demand Control
- Pre-Approved Equipment
- Greenhouse Gas Reduction

What are the benefits of Green certification?

- Greenwashing Amnesty
- Guaranteed Savings
- Utility Service Rebates
- Increased Profits
- Workers Comp Discounts
- Increased Working Capital
- Government Grants
- Tax Deductions
- Tax Credits
- Reduced Business Insurance Costs
- OSHA Violations Shield
- Increased Borrowing Power
- Customer Service Improvement
- Lower Heating Costs
- Cycle Time Improvement
- Reduced Water Costs
- Paper Reduction
- Public Recognition
- Diminished Waste Disposal
- Employee Appreciation

How is sustainability verified?

State-of-the-art Green SWEEP™ accounting software is used to effectively verify the monitoring and recording of pollution prevention and energy savings. It is a method for tracking and reporting the usage of chemicals, energy and power savings for various resources. Measurement resources which are typically tracked include:

| <u>SUPPLIER WEB-FEED</u> | <u>GREEN SWEEP™ TRACKING & REPORTING</u> |
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| • Gas Usage | → BTU Energy Savings |
| • Water Usage | → Water Conservation |
| • Product Usage | → VOC • HAPs • PM • CO2 |
| • Electrical Usage | → Power Cost Savings |
| • Product Inventory | → Missing Data Substitution |
| • HazWaste Disposal | → Waste Management |

What is REA validation?

Tax credit and deduction requires a qualified independent assessment per Section 179 D of the IRS Code. Registered Environmental Assessment (REA) validation applies the U.S. Energy Policy Act of 2005 Performance Rating Method (PRM) from Appendix G of the ANSI • ASHRAE • IESNA Standard 90.1-2004 using accredited Greenhouse gas standards for Waste, Emissions and Energy Performance Savings, a.k.a., Green SWEEP™ tracking and reporting software. Link: www.RECOMPLY.COM

What rebates, grants, credits and government funds are available?

Calculate potential savings Link: [CERTIFIED GREEN INVESTMENT CALCULATOR](#)

| REGISTRY | QUALIFICATION | REPORTING | GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY | SHARED SAVINGS OPTION | |
|------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| | | | | 1 YEAR | 3 YEAR |
| COMMITMENT | HAPs 6H COMPLIANCE & CARBON NEUTRAL | ANNUAL (1 PER YR) | \$ 0.10 PER SQ FT | 70% SHOP 30% CGI | 80% SHOP 20% CGI |
| COMPILED | COMMITMENT & > 17% SAVINGS | SIMI-ANNUAL (2 PER YR) | \$ 0.50 PER SQ FT | 60% SHOP 40% CGI | 70% SHOP 30% CGI |
| REVIEWED | COMMITMENT & > 30% SAVINGS | QUARTERLY (4 PER YR) | \$ 1.00 PER SQ FT | 40% SHOP 60% CGI | 50% SHOP 50% CGI |
| AUDITED | COMMITMENT & > 50% SAVINGS | MONTHLY (12 PER YR) | \$ 2.00 PER SQ FT | 20% SHOP 80% CGI | 30% SHOP 70% CGI |