

MEDIA RELEASE

TCF Australia ONLINE ENERGY EFFICIENCY Training & Mentoring Project assists fashion, TCF small businesses & fashion retailers to be more energy efficient

TCF Australia ONLINE ENERGY EFFICIENCY Training & Mentoring Project is able to offer an extensive range of specialist energy efficiency services to small businesses in the fashion, textile, clothing, footwear, leather (TCF) creative, and associated industries across Australia.

Improving energy efficiency can help businesses save money on their operating costs while also lowering Australia's greenhouse gas emissions.

Small Businesses can register for **FREE** Online Training Webinars covering a wide range of energy efficiency and **FREE** Mentoring and helpline with energy and business mentors as well as attend TCF Australia 'Ask an Expert' Forums held across Australia.

Carol Hanlon, TCF Australia Project Manager said, "We are proud to announce 3 new topics now available online and via mentoring. In total we are now offering 8 energy efficiency topics ONLINE."

TCF Australia ONLINE Energy Efficiency topics include:

- 1) Tips on Saving Energy in Your Business - using quick & easy steps to reduce energy usage
- 2) Monitoring your Energy Bills in Your Business – how to interpret your Energy Business Bills
- 3) Measuring Energy Usage in Your Business – how to measure and
- 4) Energy Efficiency Accreditation - low & no-cost initiatives to lower your energy costs & accreditation
- 5) Energy Usage in your Supply Chains – Upstream & Downstream - opportunities to improve
- 6) Air conditioning in your Business – NEW - reduce the costs of running your air-conditioner**
- 7) Lighting in your Business - NEW - work out the costs of return on lighting replacement**
- 8) Office Equipment – NEW - reduce your office e-waste and energy costs**

TCF Australia ONLINE Energy Efficiency **FREE** Mentoring and helpline is available for 1-2 hours per business. Mentors are readily available to assist with guiding you through energy efficiencies in your business, or assistance with your financial management of energy bills.

Other services available via this project include:

- Energy Efficiency Networks and Linkages - includes linkages like newsletters & web links
- Energy Efficient 'Role Models' – featuring services with energy efficiency best practice
- Energy Efficient 'Case Study' - featuring success stories of small businesses with an outline of how energy usage was reduced and innovations introduced.

Carol Hanlon said, "We are excited that TCF industries are engaging with us to learn more about energy efficiency. We've received a lot of positive feedback about the program we're offering, and all of the services are **FREE** to approved small businesses. I encourage all Australian TCF and creative small businesses and fashion retailers to register for the webinars, forums and mentoring that are part of this fantastic program."

To find out more about the Energy Efficiency business advisory services offered, or register for services as part of this project please visit www.tcfaustralia.com/tcfaenergyform or email info@tcfaustralia.com

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ABOUT TCF Australia

The Textile, Clothing and Footwear Resource Centre of Western Australia Inc (TCF Australia) is a not-for-profit national support centre for the Textile, Clothing Footwear and Leather industry providing support and specialised resources, services and training. From its head quarters in Belmont, WA, TCF Australia aims at networking to maintain and establish key partnerships for the national TCF industry.