

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Energy Savings With Office Equipment**

#### **Part of the TCF Australia ONLINE ENERGY EFFICIENCY Training & Mentoring Project**

The TCF Australia ONLINE ENERGY EFFICIENCY Training & Mentoring Project offers an extensive range of specialist energy efficiency services to small businesses across Australia to help businesses in Australia to be more energy efficient. This program has been made possible via funding from the Department of Industry as part of the Energy Efficiency Information Grants Program.

One of the FREE ONLINE WEBINARS that small business owners can access on their PC, laptop, tablet or iPhone is, 'Energy Savings With Office Equipment'. According to UK Carbon Trust, office equipment is the fastest growing energy user in the business world, consuming 15% of the total electricity used in offices.

Webinar presenter of 'Energy Savings With Office Equipment' Craig Benporath from Greenhouse International said, "Offices are one of the last places business owners look to make energy efficiency improvements, yet there are many things that can be done readily. Computers, printers, fax machines, photocopiers, refrigerators, urns and kettles can all waste energy. The good news is that business owners can make their office energy efficient with very little effort!"

Craig Benporath said, "An important hidden cost of office equipment is the e-waste burden it can create at the end of its useful life. From an energy efficiency perspective it is often worth upgrading equipment to save on energy costs. Disposing of old or unused equipment should always be done so in a responsible way."

Aside from e-waste, the Webinar will also cover hidden costs and a range of other low cost actions business owners can take to save energy with their office equipment.

Carol Hanlon, Project Manager for the TCF Australia ONLINE ENERGY EFFICIENCY Training & Mentoring Project said, "Our free webinars are available for all small businesses, and for those that cannot make a scheduled webinar, it is possible to request a recorded session. Via this project, we have been able to assist small businesses to become more energy efficient in their business."

Participants in the Project also have access to a FREE Online Energy Mentor. Mentors are readily available to assist with guiding you through energy efficiencies in your business, or assistance with your financial management of energy bills.

To register to receive FREE Energy Efficiency advisory services visit [www.tcfaustralia.com/tcfaenergyform](http://www.tcfaustralia.com/tcfaenergyform) or email [greenenergy@tcfaustralia.com](mailto:greenenergy@tcfaustralia.com)

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