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## SWITCH ON TO CITYSWITCH AND GET A BONUS FOR YOUR BUSINESS

Sustainability Victoria has announced that eligible businesses in the Cities of Yarra, Port Phillip and Melbourne can now access CitySwitch rebates of up to \$9,000.

“Businesses who sign up to the CitySwitch program by the end of this financial year will be eligible for the new rebate, which ranges from \$500 to \$9000,” said Sustainability Victoria’s Acting CEO, Cameron Frazer.

CitySwitch Green Office is a nation-wide program that provides office tenants with practical, simple actions to improve their energy efficiency and reduce their environmental impact.

“By reducing their energy usage and increasing their operational efficiency, businesses can make significant savings on their power bills,” Mr Frazer said.

In Victoria, CitySwitch is a partnership between the Cities of Melbourne, Port Phillip and Yarra and Sustainability Victoria.

The program uses the National Australian Built Environment Rating System (NABERS) to help businesses identify their current energy performance. NABERS also allows businesses to benchmark their performance against other tenancies across Australia.

“We know that sustainability makes good business sense, so I encourage businesses to sign up to the CitySwitch program and take advantage of this great offer,” said Mr Frazer.

To date, 78 businesses in Victoria are signatories to CitySwitch.

This offer is available until June 30, 2011.

You can also find out more information about CitySwitch and the rebate by attending the launch of CitySwitch in Yarra on 5 May. For details, contact CitySwitch program manager Brett Munckton, ([brett.munckton@melbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:brett.munckton@melbourne.vic.gov.au) or 03 9658 8557) or visit [www.cityswitch.net.au](http://www.cityswitch.net.au)

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