

# The IRA Offers Tax Benefits to Commercial Building Owners

### What is the Inflation Reduction Act?

As the largest bill in U.S. history focused on climate change, the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) includes more than \$300 billion in energy efficiency investments and tax incentives. The IRA significantly expands Section 179D of the U.S. tax code to incentivize commercial building owners to invest in energy-efficient building renovations and retrofits.

### What's Changing in Section 179D?

Under the IRA, building owners of existing commercial buildings need only show improvement over their existing baseline to be eligible for a tax deduction.

Section 179D Changes	Claim Your Deduction
<ul> <li>Higher credit opportunity - now up \$5.00 per square foot, up from \$1.80 per square foot</li> <li>There's more incentive to retrofit existing buildings</li> </ul>	The credit value is now available on a sliding scale, from \$2.50 to \$5.00 per square foot  Must exceed latest DOE-determined ASHRAE 90.1 by a minimum of 25% to receive \$2.50, rising in 10-cent increments up to \$5.00 for each percentage point improvement up to 50% above 90.1
<ul> <li>Updates are permanent - there are no deadlines</li> <li>Changes to deductions will begin January 1, 2023</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Existing buildings can get sliding scale \$2.50 - \$5.00 deduction by demonstrating 25% - 50% energy use intensity reduction over existing baseline</li> <li>Includes annual inflation adjustment</li> </ul>

## **Reduce Energy Usage with Commercial Roof Restoration**

Commercial roof restoration – and implementing a cool roof system – can help building owners demonstrate significant energy reductions. A cool roof can reduce peak cooling demand by up to 40% in warm climates, lessening the impacts to the HVAC system.\* The average energy savings for a cool roof range between 7% to 15% of total cooling costs.<sup>1</sup>

# **Henry® Can Help**

Henry offers a full portfolio of cool roof solutions that are rated by the Cool Roof Rating Council®. Whatever your needs, we can help you identify the right solution based on your roofing system, energy requirements, and budget.

\*http://www.energystar.gov ¹https://coolroofs.org/resources

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