

North Carolina's Cormetech's Energy Focus

Cleveland manufacturer Cormetech Inc. has received an early Christmas present worth exactly \$8,015, all because the Durham, N.C. based company took a good look at its energy consumption and found ways to improve it.

Working in conjunction with Cleveland Utilities and TVA, Cormetech leaders reached out to the Commercial Efficiency Advice and Incentives Program, known publicly as CEAI, to complete the internal review. The initiative is made available by CU and TVA in order to modernize commercial-user practices while providing a small cash reward in the offing.

Cormetech is the second local manufacturer to reap the "green" benefit, a dual reference to energy conservation and to the cash-back incentive since March. Earlier this year, the forward-thinking Eaton Hydraulics plant signed up with CEAI, completed its own review and made a series of lighting changes that benefited the company, its employees and the Cleveland Utilities electric distribution grid. "Not only have we improved the lighting in our facility making it a safer place to work, we also realized a reduction in energy consumption by reducing our overall carbon footprint," said Denise Rice, plant manager for Cormetech Cleveland Operations.

A trio of special guests recently dropped in on Cormetech's local facility at 3300 Old Tasso Road NE to make the \$8,000-plus check presentation. One was CU General Manager Tom Wheeler who has been an active supporter and recruiter for CEAI since its inception. Wheeler was joined by Tim Rader, TVA customer service manager in Cleveland, and Rick Lawson, CU administrative services manager.