

A Window with a View

Outline Of Need: Single pane windows and double doors were making the Yates Motors, Inc. showroom in Gering, Neb. very cold in the winter and extremely warm in the summer. During winter months, Owner Randy Yates could be found with an ice scraper in hand, scraping showroom windows and doors to see outside. Electric bills were high in the winter and summer to combat either the cold or the heat.

How Rural Development Helped: Through the Section 9006 (now Section 9007) Rural Energy for America Program, Rural Development was able to provide an energy efficiency grant to Yates Motors, Inc. to offset 25 percent of the cost and installation of new Low-E, insulated windows and doors for the dealership showroom.

The Results: On a cold chilly December afternoon, Randy is now found visiting with customers in the showroom instead of confined to his space-heated office. Not only has the comfort level improved in the showroom, but the new windows have decreased the dirt that filtered in on windy days, has made the showroom much quieter, and they have given the building an updated look from the street.

In the summer of 2009, Randy noticed his air conditioning did not come on until 2:30 p.m. In previous summers it would be running by 10:30 a.m.

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"I'm sure glad my accountant told me to apply for the energy grant through the USDA Rural Energy for America Program. The changes in the comfort level of my showroom from the addition of the energy efficient windows and doors are truly priceless. I no longer dread the freezing cold of winter or the blazing hot sun in the summer. I'm already starting to notice the difference in my utility bills as well." –Randy Yates, Owner of Yates Motors, Inc.