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*Whether it's an idea, a connection or a solution,  
a spark can be the beginning of something big!*

**The SAVINGS  
Spark**

**Cost Control  
Associates, Inc.**

Cost Control Associates helps your organization reduce and better manage your energy, waste removal and telecom expenses.  
This monthly newsletter shares industry-related news, tips and updates.

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## **Compare Apples to Apples**

### **ENERGY STAR Makes You Shine**

How does your building portfolio measure up to its peer group? Organizations large and small can benefit, whether you have one building or a thousand. Gain valuable operational insight and cash in on a nationally recognized brand.

[Learn how.](#)

## **"Smart" Reading**

### **MAKE GREEN BUILDINGS SMARTER**

#### **Don't Let Silo-ed Data Hold You Back**

Elevators that learn from everyday traffic? HVAC systems that know where the people are? Integrated internal systems can work with real intelligence to create buildings that adapt to the people, rather than the other way around.

### [Connect the Data](#)

## 7 SMART WAYS TO SAVE WATER

### Efficiency Practices Can Cut Costs 10-15%

Water used in office buildings accounts for approximately [9% of the total water use](#) in commercial and institutional facilities in the U.S. With the cost of water and wastewater services rising for the past decade, smart commercial building owners and managers should look to water-efficient practices for cost-saving solutions.

[Start saving.](#)

## READY FOR SMART CITIES?

### One Connection Leads to Another

Smart phones, smart cars, smart roads, smart buildings, smart meters.... Have you noticed how everything is getting "smart" these days? If it has a chip or a sensor and connects to a network, anything can be smart given the right connections. Building smart infrastructures for the future requires understanding the past and planning for potential impact on everything that might be related.

[How will smart cities work?](#)

### *On the Light Side*

## Last Minute Mother's Day Gifts

### It's Not Too Late to Please Your Favorite Mom

Breakfast in bed is nice, but if you are still searching for a new idea, try one of these:

- [Make It or Buy It](#)
- [Uniquely Homemade](#)
- [Start with a Mason Jar](#)
- [For the Frugal Shopper](#)
- [Expense is No Obstacle](#)



## TRADE SHOW CIRCUIT

### Look Us Up

Cost Control Associates will attend or exhibit at these shows coming soon:

[Financial Manager Association](#) (Cooperstown NY), May 4-6

[Association of School Board Association Summer Leadership Institute](#) (Tucson AZ), June 9-11

[Arizona School Administrators Association Summer Conference](#) (Tucson AZ), June 12-14

## ABOUT US

Since 1991 our consulting services have saved millions of dollars for mid-to-large businesses, not-for-profit organizations, school districts and colleges, government agencies and others. Our services include:

**Cut Utility Costs:** [Energy](#), [Waste](#), [Telecom](#)  
[Energy Invoice Processing & Payment](#)  
[Energy Procurement](#)  
[Location Opening & Closing Services](#)  
[Cellular Cost Review & Optimization](#)  
*and more!*

## Call in the experts!

***Do more with less.*** Cost Control Associates augments the efforts of your facilities and energy specialists. We are not a third party provider, and we do not sell or install equipment. We are independent consultants who help you pay less and understand more about your utility expenses.

***Call today to learn more!***

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