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**Energy Conservation Efforts Earn Departments and Units \$169,000 for Future Facility Improvements**

CHAMPAIGN, IL – In an era when stewarding resources is more critical than ever, departments and units in eight campus facilities will be recognized for their energy conservation success during the Campus Sustainability Celebration **Wednesday, October 25 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at the Alice Campbell Alumni Center.**

The [Energy Conservation Incentive Program \(ECIP\)](#) will award \$169K toward future building or site improvements at the facilities which showed the greatest percentage energy reduction from fiscal year 2016-17.

<b>2017 ECIP AWARDS</b>		
<b>Occupant Action Category</b>	<b>Improvement Percentage</b>	<b>Incentive Award</b>
1. Foellinger Auditorium	41.0%	\$61,994
2. Natural Resources Building	21.0%	\$38,543
3. 1207 W. Oregon	19.4%	\$15,677
4. Agricultural Engineering Sciences Building	13.6%	\$12,986
<b>Energy Advancement Category</b>	<b>Improvement Percentage</b>	<b>Incentive Award</b>
1. Early Child Development Laboratory	25.2%	\$10,000*
2. Administrative Information Technology Services Building	24.1%	\$10,000*
3. Astronomy Building	23.4%	\$10,000*
4. ACES Library, Information & Alumni Center	23.2%	\$10,000*

*\*If calculated amount is less than \$10,000, the building will receive a \$10,000 minimum award.*

This year’s ECIP features two repeat winners: 1207 W. Oregon and the Early Child Development Laboratory. Staff at 1207 W. Oregon significantly reduced their reliance on air conditioning over the summer months. This same approach was taken by employees working at Foellinger Auditorium, winner in the Occupant Action category, to produce a record-setting improvement. The results show how syncing energy system operation to facility usage can make a significant impact.

The ECIP started five years ago as a way to encourage and reward energy conservation achievements, in support of the [Climate Leadership Commitments](#). Since its inception, the ECIP has awarded approximately \$1.1M for sustainability upgrades across campus such as adding bicycle racks, LED lighting, and occupancy sensor controls for lighting and HVAC.

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State-supported campus buildings of 10,000 gross square feet or more are automatically enrolled in the ECIP. Buildings compete in two categories: Occupant Action, which recognizes building users' efforts, and Energy Advancement, which recognizes facilities that partnered with Facilities & Services (F&S) to complete a large-scale energy conservation project. The awards are calculated as a function of energy reduction cost-avoidance.

ECIP DID YOU KNOW:

- The 41% energy reduction for Foellinger Auditorium marks the largest improvement for the Occupant Action category in the program's history - the next highest total was an Admissions and Records 39.2% reduction in FY15
- ACES Library, Information & Alumni Center is the fourth library to win an ECIP award. The Undergraduate, Main, and Grainger all won in 2013
- There have been seven repeat winners in the ECIP: 1207 W. Oregon, Early Child Development Laboratory, Atmospheric Sciences Building, Davenport Hall, Spurlock Museum, Admissions and Records, and Doris Kelley Christopher Hall
- 1207 W. Oregon tied with Temple Hoyne Buell Hall for fourth place in Occupant Action in 2016
- The Early Child Development Laboratory also won in 2015 in Energy Advancement

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