

## PROJECT FACT SHEET

# Energy Conservation Incentive Program



### WHAT IS IT?

The Energy Conservation Incentive Program (ECIP) provides financial awards to campus buildings which demonstrate the greatest percentage of energy savings over the previous fiscal year.

### WHAT BUILDINGS ARE ELIGIBLE?

State-owned buildings of 10,000 square feet or more on the Urbana-Champaign campus are automatically entered in the program each year. Previously winning buildings are eligible to win again.

### HOW DO BUILDINGS WIN?

Buildings compete in one of two categories: occupant action and energy advancement. Four winners are chosen from each category. Occupant Action includes things building users can do themselves to collectively reduce energy use, such as turning off lights when they leave a room. Energy Advancement includes energy conservation improvements to the building itself, such as optimizing heating and air conditioning systems and controls.

### HOW LARGE ARE THE AWARDS?

Past awards have ranged from \$10,000 to more than \$100,000. Awards are calculated as a function of the amount of energy saved. The more energy saved, the larger the award.

### WHAT CAN THE AWARD FUNDS BE USED FOR?

The award funds should be used for high-visibility projects that benefit all building occupants. Past winners have used their funds to add bicycle parking, new entryways, courtyard planters, and energy efficient drinking fountains. Some facilities have used their awards to fund projects to further reduce building energy use. Facilities & Services staff can advise you on options to match your building's needs.

### HOW CAN I FIND OUT HOW MUCH ENERGY MY BUILDING USES?

Building energy consumption is tracked online through Facilities & Services' Energy Billing System. Your building manager can access these reports for you. See <http://go.fs.illinois.edu/EBS> for more information.

### WHY DID CAMPUS CREATE THE ECIP?

Encouraging energy efficiency helps campus save financial resources and helps it meet its commitment to carbon neutrality by 2050 under the Illinois Climate Action Plan <http://icap.sustainability.illinois.edu/>.



*The Spurlock Museum used its ECIP award funds to install energy conserving LED lighting and sensors that turn off lights when galleries are not occupied.*



*The Rehabilitation Education Center used its ECIP award funds to build accessible planters to make the building's courtyard more inviting to staff and visitors.*

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