

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 23, 2018

Energy Conservation Successes Earn Urbana Campus Departments \$410K for Future Facility Improvements

CHAMPAIGN, IL – Stewarding resources is more critical than ever, and that is why Facilities & Services will recognize the extraordinary efforts of seven campus facilities for their energy conservation achievements during the Campus Sustainability Celebration on **Thursday, October 25, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Illini Union, room 314**. All campus and community members are invited to attend.

The [Energy Conservation Incentive Program \(ECIP\)](#) will award \$410K toward future building or site improvements for the following facilities that showed the highest percentage energy reduction during FY17 – FY18.

2018 ECIP AWARDS		
OCCUPANT ACTION CATEGORY	Improvement Percentage	Incentive Award
1. Turner Hall	21.76%	\$103,130
2. Art and Design Building	19.92%	\$37,816
3. Burrill Hall	19.75%	\$57,518
ENERGY ADVANCEMENT CATEGORY	Improvement Percentage	Incentive Award
1. Coordinated Science Laboratory	47.2%	\$84,308
2. Seitz Materials Research Laboratory	44.4%	\$91,537
3. Loomis Laboratory of Physics	40.7%	\$25,717
4. Harker Hall	38.0%	\$10,000*
*When calculated amount is less than \$10,000, the building receives a \$10,000 award.		

Occupant Action makes a difference: Turner Hall led the Occupant Action award category due to a renovation project that included upgrading mechanical and lighting systems, replacing components from the original construction in 1964. In second place, Art and Design Building occupants made use of window shading both to harvest daylighting and reflect the sun in south facing rooms, thereby reducing cooling and electric consumption. They also better-managed lighting and occupancy schedules, further reducing energy consumption. Individuals in Burrill Hall converted existing library space into academic space, replacing aged mechanical and electrical systems, which increased space utilization and energy efficiency.

-more-

Auxiliary honorable mention: The Illini Union will receive a special certificate commending them on their actions and a 43.6% reduction. Although the Union is an auxiliary unit that is not eligible to participate in the ECIP awards program, the facility benefitted from several completed projects last year, adding direct digital controls, upgrading mechanical and electrical systems, and improving scheduling of anticipated occupancy periods.

The ECIP began six years ago as a way to encourage and reward energy conservation achievements, in support of the [Climate Leadership Commitments](#). Since its inception, ECIP awards have totaled more than \$1.5M for facility upgrades across the Urbana campus, including bicycle rack additions, LED improvements, entrance door repairs, and occupancy sensor installations.

State-supported campus buildings of 10,000 gross square feet or more are eligible for the awards program. 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, with bonus rewards for buildings in the Occupant Action category.

###

Media Contact:
Steve Breitwieser
Customer Relations & Communications
Facilities & Services
sbreit@illinois.edu
217-300-2155

Department Contact:
Morgan White
Sustainability
Facilities & Services
mbwhite@illinois.edu
217-333-2668

Facilities & Services (F&S), provides and maintains a physical environment that is conducive to supporting learning, discovery, engagement, and economic development at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. F&S supports the university's education, research, and outreach missions by improving the physical condition of the facilities and grounds through construction and building maintenance activities, providing utilities production and distribution, implementing energy conservation initiatives, and increasing customer satisfaction by delivering quality services in a responsive, reliable, and customer-focused manner. www.fs.illinois.edu