



# Energy Benchmarking & Efficiency at Community Colleges (EBECC)

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# NOFO Release - Energy Benchmarking & Efficiency at Community Colleges

- ▶ IGEN Awarded a \$1.4 million grant by the U.S. Department of Energy State Program Infrastructure and Jobs Act
- ▶ Federal Pass-thru the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
  - ▶ More reporting work than is typical of an IGEN Grant
- ▶ Three-Year Grant Period

# EBECC Purpose

- ▶ Qualified “financially constrained” community colleges will be eligible to receive help to:
  - ▶ Analyze past and present energy consumption behaviors and discover best management practices for the future
  - ▶ Develop a long-term energy plan
  - ▶ Identify energy conservation measures/projects (priority consideration for future competitive grants)
  - ▶ Offer hands-on analytical educational opportunities for students and community members



# EBECC Program

- ▶ Application evaluations based on:
  - ▶ College's stated interest and need
  - ▶ College spending per FTE and Energy use per sq. ft.
  - ▶ IEPA Justice40 impacted areas
- ▶ \$106,000 over 3 years
  - ▶ \$60,000 salary offset over the 3 years of the program
  - ▶ Up to \$46,000 for installation of 2 electrical and 2 gas submeters, including integration with building automation system



## What do we get with EBECC?



- ▶ In-person development meetings
- ▶ Annual cohort conference for 3 years of the grant
- ▶ Energy assessments
- ▶ Energy plan development
- ▶ Identification of submetering priorities
- ▶ Assistance with energy benchmarking
- ▶ Development of energy conservation measure (ECM) projects

# Application Specifics

## Timeline:

- ▶ Application Release Date: September 29<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ Bidders Conference: October 8<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ Applications Due: October 24<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ Grant Performance Period: November 1, 2025 - March 31, 2028
- ▶ Award Amount per College: \$106,000 (reimbursement based)

