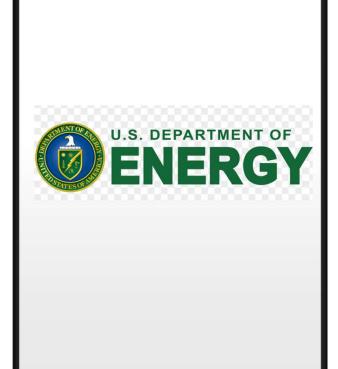


Energy Benchmarking & Efficiency at Community Colleges (EBECC)

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

