

FACILITIES, NEBRASKA STATE COLLEGES

POLICY: 8031 Facilities; Energy Conservation

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BOARD POLICY

The Board directs the State Colleges to establish goals and objectives for their facilities that promote the efficient, economic and environmentally responsible use of energy resources. Specific attention shall be paid to lighting options, window replacement, energy management systems, energy efficient heating and cooling systems, low maintenance plantings, caulking and weatherstripping doors and windows, insulating walls, ceilings and floors, and devices that utilize solar energy.

The State Colleges are encouraged to budget operational funds or to seek financial assistance from the Department of Energy to undertake projects which will result in significant energy savings and have a payback of 10 (ten) years or less. The Board authorizes the colleges to use those energy savings for additional energy savings measures; for one-time equipment purchases; and/or to support the operations of the institution.

The Board recognizes the cost savings that can be realized with the installation of energy conservation measures and encourages the State Colleges to obtain information on the possible use of energy financing contracts if operational funds or grant funds are not available. Such agreements may include, but are not limited to, performance contracts, shared savings contracts, guaranteed contracts and lease purchase contracts. The agreement shall be with an energy service company for the purpose of implementing one or more energy conservation measures in an existing facility in exchange for a portion of the energy cost savings produced. The energy service company shall be a person or business experienced in the implementation and installation of energy conservation measures. Procedures established in Nebraska RRS 66-106 shall be followed in soliciting energy financing contracts and all such agreements must be submitted to the Board for approval prior to their execution.

When new facilities are to be constructed or existing facilities renovated, the colleges are directed to work with the professional consultant selected for the project to ensure that current energy codes are followed and special consideration is given to achieving energy efficiency without unduly adding to the cost of the project.

Legal Reference: RRS 66-1001 Energy conservation and efficiency; legislative findings
RRS 66-1004 Energy Conservation measure; defined
RRS 66-1062 through 1066 Oils, Fuels and Energy; Energy Financing Contract

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