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Ameresco Receives Energy Award



An energy conservation project completed by Ameresco that saves Bridgewater State College nearly \$1 million each year in energy costs, has been recognized by the Massachusetts Department of Capital Asset Management (DCAM) with one of the Department's highest award for excellence in public design and construction.

Ameresco, based in Framingham, MA, was selected to receive the first ever DCAM 2008 Award for Excellence in the energy category and was presented with the award at a ceremony attended by Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick held on April 16 in the Great Hall of the Massachusetts State House.

Working in partnership with Bridgewater State administrators, Ameresco will cut the College's energy demand for electricity, oil, natural gas and water costs by more than 25 percent a year as a result of an institution-wide energy and water conservation project – an integral part of the College's progressive greening policy of environmental responsibility.

The \$10.4 million award-winning capital improvement project covers 1.5 million square feet throughout thirty campus buildings. Among the upgrades were high efficiency lighting, a campus-wide energy management system, underground steam pipeline, new boilers, new air conditioning systems, a domestic water conservation program, repair of radiator controls in dormitories, a cogeneration system, windows and field house laundering improvements.

Attending the ceremony and representing Bridgewater State College (BSC) were Karen Jason, Director of Planning and Construction, Keith MacDonald, Director of Facilities, and Denis Maguy, a consultant for BSC.

DCAM is the state office that oversees energy use in state facilities. The Awards in Excellence are presented by DCAM to reinforce the Department's commitment to providing outstanding service to the citizens of the Commonwealth. The awards recognize projects, designers, and contractors that have achieved the highest professional standards in the planning, design, and construction of Massachusetts state building projects.

Projects are judged in terms of their quality of design and technical excellence, demonstration of quality construction, innovation in devising creative solutions to meet clients specific needs, contribution to the physical, historical and cultural context of the projects location, maximization of re-use of existing facilities to preserve resources and continuity, maximization of the use of renewable energy resources, and integration of accessibility issues as a component of the overall design.

The Department last made awards in 2003.

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