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DGS Helps State Agencies Cut Energy Bills
Energy efficiency projects to save \$4.5 million annually; cut greenhouse gases

The Department of General Services (DGS) announced today that 70 energy saving tune-up and retrofit projects have been completed at state-owned buildings and parking lots. The projects are projected to save the state \$4.5 million a year by cutting approximately 32 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity and 1 million therms of natural gas annually—the equivalent of reducing approximately 28,000 metric tons of greenhouse gases.

“We have cut energy costs in everything from small DMV field offices to large facilities including state hospitals, prisons, and high-rise offices,” said DGS Director Fred Klass. “This is part of DGS’ ongoing efforts to ensure state facilities save both energy and money.”

The energy efficiency projects included modifying or replacing air handling systems, improving boilers and chillers, replacing old light fixtures, and installing energy usage monitoring devices. Project funding was secured through the federal American Reinvestment and Recovery Act and the California Energy Commission to create the Energy Efficient State Property Revolving Fund Program, at no cost to the state.

The energy efficiency projects add to existing energy savings efforts at state facilities, and add to other sustainability efforts including LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification of state facilities with [84 state-owned or leased buildings certified](#) by the U.S. Green Building Council. Governor Brown’s [Green Building Executive Order](#) calls for new or renovated state buildings larger than 10,000 square feet to achieve the U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED “Silver” certification or higher.

Other state facility greening efforts include implementing peak load reduction programs and water saving devices, and installation of on-site, renewable energy systems such as solar photovoltaic panels.

For a detailed list of energy efficiency projects completed at state facilities, [read more \(www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/dgs/PIO/ARRA92012.pdf\)](http://www.documents.dgs.ca.gov/dgs/PIO/ARRA92012.pdf)

To learn more about California’s efforts to reduce its environmental footprint through sustainable state government operations and practices [visit the Green California Website \(www.green.ca.gov\)](http://www.green.ca.gov) or

liking [DGS on Facebook \(www.facebook.com/CalDGS\)](https://www.facebook.com/CalDGS).

The Department of General Services acts as the business manager for the State of California. DGS helps state government better serve the public by providing services to state agencies including procurement and acquisition solutions, real estate management, leasing and design services, environmentally friendly transportation, and architectural oversight and funding for the construction of safe schools.

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