



Ohio Revised Code

Section 3345.61 Energy conservation measures definitions.

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As used in this section and sections 3345.62 to 3345.66 of the Revised Code:

(A) "Avoided capital costs" means a measured reduction in the cost of future equipment or other capital purchases that results from implementation of one or more energy or water conservation measures, when compared to an established baseline for previous such cost.

(B) "Board of trustees of a state institution of higher education" means the board of trustees of a state institution of higher education as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code.

(C) "Energy conservation measure" means an installation or modification of an installation in, or a remodeling of, an existing building in order to reduce energy consumption. The term includes any of the following:

(1) Installation or modification of insulation in the building structure and systems within the building;

(2) Installation or modification of a storm window or door, a multiglazed window or door, or a heat absorbing or heat reflective glazed and coated window and door system; installation of additional glazing; a reduction in glass area; or other window or door system modification that reduces energy consumption and operating costs;

(3) Installation or modification of an automatic energy control system;

(4) Replacement or modification of a heating, ventilating, or air conditioning system;

(5) Application of caulking and weatherstripping;

(6) Replacement or modification of a lighting fixture to increase the energy efficiency of the system



without increasing the overall illumination of a facility, unless such increase in illumination is necessary to conform to the applicable state or local building code for the proposed lighting system;

(7) Installation or modification of an energy recovery system;

(8) Installation or modification of cogeneration systems that produce steam or forms of energy such as heat, as well as electricity, for use primarily within a building or complex of buildings;

(9) Any other modification, installation, or remodeling approved by the board of trustees of a state institution of higher education as an energy conservation measure for one or more buildings owned by the institution.

(D) "Energy saving measure" means the acquisition and installation, by purchase, lease, lease-purchase, lease with an option to buy, or installment purchase, of an energy conservation measure and any attendant architectural and engineering consulting services.

(E) "Energy, water, or wastewater cost savings" means a measured reduction in, as applicable, the cost of fuel, energy or water consumption, wastewater production, or stipulated operation or maintenance resulting from the implementation of one or more energy or water conservation measures, when compared to an established baseline for previous such costs, respectively.

(F) "Operating cost savings" means a measured reduction in the cost of stipulated operation or maintenance created by the installation of new equipment or implementation of a new service, when compared with an established baseline for previous such stipulated costs.

(G) "Water conservation measure" means an installation or modification of an installation in, or a remodeling of, an existing building or the surrounding grounds in order to reduce water consumption. The term includes any of the following:

(1) Water-conserving fixture, appliance, or equipment, or the substitution of a nonwater-using fixture, appliance, or equipment;

(2) Water-conserving, landscape irrigation equipment;



- (3) Landscaping measure that reduces storm water runoff demand and capture and hold applied water and rainfall, including landscape contouring such as the use of a berm, swale, or terrace and including the use of a soil amendment, including compost, that increases the water-holding capacity of the soil;
- (4) Rainwater harvesting equipment or equipment to make use of water collected as part of a storm water system installed for water quality control;
- (5) Equipment for recycling or reuse of water originating on the premises or from another source, including treated, municipal effluent;
- (6) Equipment needed to capture water for nonpotable uses from any nonconventional, alternate source, including air conditioning condensate or gray water;
- (7) Any other modification, installation, or remodeling approved by the board of trustees of a state institution of higher education, as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, as a water conservation measure for one or more buildings or the surrounding grounds owned by the institution.
- (H) "Water saving measure" means the acquisition and installation, by the purchase, lease, lease-purchase, lease with an option to buy, or installment purchases of a water conservation measure and any attendant architectural and engineering consulting services.